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FOR

THE YEAR 1888.

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RESOLUTION

ON

THE CIVIL JUSTICE REPORT

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THE YEAR 1888.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner, Burma, in the Judicial Department,—No. 15B., dated the 17th June 1889.

READ—

Report on the administration of civil justice in Lower Burma during the year 1888.

RESOLUTION.—The statistics of civil litigation in Lower Burma for the year 1888 show that the causes which impeded the resort of the people to the Courts in 1886 and 1887 have ceased to operate. The country having been restored to its normal state of tranquillity, litigation has returned to its old level. The number of cases instituted in 1888 rose to 34,846, the figures for the last four years being—

1885	...	...	..	...	... 33,967
1886	...	...	...	...	... 32,485
1887	...	...	...	...	... 32,867
1888	...	...	...	..	... 34,846

Some portion of the increase in litigation which took place in the interior was probably due to the reduction in its cost, which was effected by the introduction of a reduced scale of process fees in October 1886.

The most noticeable exceptions to the general increase of business are to be found in the Small Cause Courts of Rangoon, Bassein, and Moulmein, the number of institutions in these Courts having fallen off by 220, 234, and 315 respectively. These diminutions are probably attributable to the operation of the Debtors Act, 1888, more especially to that part of it which prohibits the arrest of a woman in execution of a decree for money. The Judicial Commissioner, in his report for the year 1887, remarked that one of the most striking characteristics of suits in this country was the extent to which women were concerned in them, and anticipated that the introduction of the Debtors Act would tend to discourage Indian money-lenders from entering into contracts to which women were parties. These anticipations appear to be in course of fulfilment. In view of the general increase of litigation throughout the lower province, it is difficult to explain the diminution in the Small Cause Courts of the seaport towns on any other supposition than the operation of the Debtors Act. As the Act did not become law till the end of March 1888, its effect is not yet fully apparent in the statistics of Courts of the interior.

2. *Disposal of business.*—The proportions borne by the number of contested cases and the number of uncontested cases to the total number of suits brought before the Courts were almost the same in 1888 as in 1887. The Chief Commissioner observes that there was a large falling off in the number of cases referred to arbitration. As was remarked in the Resolution on last year's report, arbitration under the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure is rarely resorted to in Burma, although many cases are decided out of Court by village headmen or elders. Since the close of the year under review the custom of referring civil cases for decision to village headmen has been recognized by law in the Lower Burma Village Act. Under this Act the Chief Commissioner is authorized to empower selected headmen to try civil cases of small value in a summary manner. No headmen have yet been empowered under this provision of the law. It is proposed to put the law on the subject into force gradually, only a few headmen in selected areas being empowered at the outset. The improvement noticed in last year's report with respect to the duration of cases was continued during the year under review. The average duration of cases in the interior fell from 16·2 to 15·6 and of cases in Rangoon from 33·4 to 29·3. The Chief Commissioner observes with satisfaction the marked decrease in the duration of cases in the Moulmein Small Cause Court. Business appears now to be disposed of in this Court in a sufficiently expeditious manner.

3. *Execution of decrees.*—Applications for execution of decrees fell off by 220 during the year under review. The variations in the percentages of completely satisfied, partly satisfied, and wholly infructuous orders for execution are trifling and call for no remark. A great change took place during the year in the methods adopted by applicants for execution, which was probably due to the operation of the Debtors Act, 1888. From the following table it will be seen that the proportion of cases in which execution was taken out against the person was much smaller in 1888 than in 1887, particularly in Rangoon. As was remarked above, the Act has not been in force sufficiently long for its effect to be fully apparent in the statistics of mofussil Courts :—

	Percentage of applications for execution of decrees satisfied in full or in part, on which					
	The judgment-debtor was imprisoned		The judgment-debtor was arrested but released.		Satisfaction was otherwise obtained	
	1887	1888	1887	1888	1887	1888
Courts of the interior	5	4	32	21	63	75
Rangoon Courts	12	5	42	20	46	75

4. *Appeals.*—The number of appeals presented slightly increased during the year under review. One thousand three hundred and sixty-two appeals were disposed of, and out of the orders passed 939 confirmed the sentences of the lower Court. The percentage of confirmations was thus 68·94 against 67·51 in

the preceding year. The average duration of appeals was 37 days in the year under review as against 33 in 1887. This increase was mainly due to the excessive duration of cases in the Court of the Commissioner of Irrawaddy, in which the average was 109 days, and in the Courts of the Deputy Commissioners of Bassein and Henzada, in which it was 59 and 117 days respectively. In Rangoon appeals were disposed of more expeditiously in 1888 than in 1887. The excessive delays in the Henzada and Bassein districts are not explained. The delays in Bassein were probably due in part to the fact that more than twice as many appeals were preferred in this district as in any other. The number preferred in the Henzada district was not much larger than in several other districts, and the great delays which occurred reflect discredit on the Deputy Commissioner. The Chief Commissioner hopes that the Judicial Commissioner will issue such orders as will ensure that appeals are disposed of with reasonable promptitude in future.

5. *Cost of litigation.*—In consequence of the decrease in the value of suits, the proportion of the total cost of litigation to the total value of suits before the Courts rose considerably during the year. The receipts from process-fees were considerably in excess of the expenditure on process-serving. In the Courts subordinate to the Judicial Commissioner the sums realized as process-fees exceeded those realized in the preceding year, while the cost of serving processes decreased by about Rs. 5,000. The amount realized by the sale of court-fees in the Recorder's Court fell off by Rs. 17,669. This is principally due to the decrease in the number of letters of administration granted, and in the value of the estates dealt with by the Court under its Probate jurisdiction.

6. The office of Judicial Commissioner was filled during the year by Mr. Meres, who since its close has left the province. The Chief Commissioner takes this opportunity of expressing his sense of the eminent services rendered by Mr. Meres during his four years' tenure of office.

By order of the Chief Commissioner,

C. G. BAYNE,

Officiating Secretary.

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PART I.

Courts exercising Jurisdiction in the Town of Rangoon.

SPECIAL COURT OF LOWER BURMA.

During the year 1888 there were 10 regular appeals preferred from the decision of the Judge of the Court of the Town of Moulmein, two were pending at the close of the year 1887, making in all 12 appeals for disposal. Of these 10 were disposed of and two were pending at the close of the year. In the previous year eight appeals were filed and 11 were disposed of.

2. The following comparative table shows the work of the past two years on this side of the Court:—

Year.	Number of appeals pending at the close of the previous year.	Number of appeals presented in 1888.	Total for disposal.	Result.					
				Confirmed.	Dismissed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Pending.
1887 ...	5	8	13	...	7	1	3	...	2
1888 ...	2	10	12	...	6	...	2	2	2

3. Two miscellaneous appeals which were pending from last year were disposed of during the year.

4. Besides the above there were two miscellaneous appeals from orders passed by the Judge of Moulmein in the exercise of his insolvency jurisdiction and one from the orders passed by the Recorder also in the exercise of his insolvency jurisdiction, and one from the orders passed by the Judge of Moulmein under Act XL of 1858. These appeals were disposed of during the year together with those pending at the close of the previous year.

5. There was one reference made to this Court by the Court of the Judicial Commissioner under section 76 of the Burma Courts Act (XVII of 1875). The question referred was—

> Where there is a contract for the sale of ascertained goods with an agreement that the delivery shall be postponed, does the property in the goods sold pass to the buyer when the whole or part of the price is paid ?

It was held that there may be a sale of goods without delivery. Where the sale is of ascertained goods and nothing remains to be done by the vendor to or in respect of the goods as between him and the vendee the property in the goods passes on the fulfilment of any of the conditions mentioned in section 78 of the Contract Act.

6. The revenue of the Court during the year from court-fee stamps and process fees amounted to Rs. 2,735-10-0 and the expenditure to Rs. 1,924-3-0. In the previous year the revenue was Rs. 1,027-13-0 and the expenditure Rs. 1,900.

7. The Judges of the Special Court from the 1st to the 20th January 1888 were Mr. W. F. Agnew and Mr. W. F. Meres, and from the 21st January to the 31st December 1888 Mr. W. F. Meres and Mr. R. S. T. MacEwen.

RANGOON :
The 4th March 1889.

W. F. AGNEW,
W. F. MERES,
Judges of the Special Court of Lower Burma.

COURT OF THE RECORDER OF RANGOON.

Report on the administration of civil justice in the Court of the Recorder and in the Court of Small Causes, Rangoon, for the year 1888.

THE following tables show the work of the past two years and the fees realized on the civil side of the Recorder's Court :—

Year.	Number of suits instituted.							Number of suits disposed of.							Number of suits pending.							Value of suits instituted.	Value of suits disposed of.
	Regular.	New trials.	Reviews.	Vice-admiralty jurisdiction.	Insolvency.	Miscellaneous and executions.	Total.	Regular.	New trials.	Reviews.	Vice-admiralty jurisdiction.	Insolvency.	Miscellaneous and executions.	Total.	Regular.	New trials.	Reviews.	Vice-admiralty jurisdiction.	Insolvency.	Miscellaneous and executions.	Total.		
																						Rs.	Rs.
1887 ...	244	6	...	...	20	407	686	280	5	...	...	33	503	801	55	1	...	...	9	17	82	6,86,722	13,48,266
1888 ..	276	...	...	...	32	477	785	304	1	...	...	34	459	798	67	...	...	...	7	35	109	13,00,892	6,10,971
Increase ...	32	...	...	...	3	70	99	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	18	27	6,80,170	.
Decrease ...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	.	44	43	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	7,37,295

Statement of Court-fees realized.

Year.	Process fees.	Amount realized under Act VII of 1870, Schedule I, Articles 1 to 9 inclusive.	Amount realized under the same schedule, Nos. 10 to 12.	Amount realized under Schedule II.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1887	2,926 0 0	34,878 8 0	25,090 0 0	1,619 12 0	65,114 4 0
1888	3,397 0 0	32,874 8 0	9,382 0 0	1,791 10 0	47,445 2 0
Increase ...	471 0 0	...	...	171 14 0	...
Decrease ...	...	2,004 0 0	16,308 0 0	...	17,669 2 0

2. The result is that there has been an increase of 99 cases of all kinds as compared with the previous year, also a large increase in the value of suits instituted, but there has been a decrease in the court-fees of Rs. 17,669-2-0, more especially under the head of probate and administration.

3. There were 63 applications made to this Court for revision of the judgments and orders passed by the Small Cause Court. In 10 cases the judgments were set aside and cases directed to be re-tried on their merits. In five cases the judgments were reversed, in one the decree was upheld, and in 39 cases the applications were dismissed, and eight remained pending at the close of the year.

4. During the year three appeals were preferred to the Privy Council and four to the High Court, Calcutta, from the judgments and decrees of this Court, and the results of these appeals are not yet known. Of the two appeals which were preferred to the Privy Council in the previous year, and which were pending at the close of last year, one was dismissed by default and in the other the judgment and decree of this Court were reversed, and the one which was pending at the close of the year 1887 is still pending.

5. There was one case under the Indian Divorce Act in which the *decree nisi* of this Court was confirmed by the High Court, Calcutta, during the year; the one pending at the close of 1887 was also confirmed during the year under report.

6. The following table shows the classes to whose estates probates and letters-of-administration were granted during the year 1888, and the value of the estates:—

Class.	Number of probates granted.	Number of letters-of-administration granted.	Value of estate.
			Rs.
Europeans and Eurasians	7	10	1,18,700
Buddhists { Burmese	...	4	5,000
Buddhists { Chinese	4	...	1,71,500
Jews	...	1	5,000
Mahomedans	4	5	2,99,736
Hindus	..	5	7,506
Total ...	15	25	6,08,342

7. In the previous year 15 probates, 37 letters-of-administration, and two with will annexed were granted. The value of the estates amounted to Rs. 14,31,558-2-11 and the court-fee stamp to Rs. 25,690. The amount of court-fees recovered under this head in the year under review is Rs. 16,308 less than in 1887.

Vice-admiralty Jurisdiction.

8. There were no cases filed under this jurisdiction during the year.

Insolvency Jurisdiction.

9. The following table shows the particulars of the insolvency business during the year:—

Number of persons whose applications were pending at the close of 1887.	Number of petitions filed during 1888.	Number of persons.	Total number of persons.	Result.							
				Personal discharge granted.	Final discharge granted.	Adjudicated insolvents.	Dismissed.	Rejected.	Withdrawn.	Struck off in default or annulled.	Pending.
11	32	34	45	24	4	...	10	...	...	...	7

10. The following table gives in detail the receipts and expenditure for the year 1888:—

Receipts.	Amount.			Expenditure.	Amount.		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Amount realized by court-fee stamps.	47,445	2	0	Recorder and Additional Recorder	63,074	7	8
Amount realized by fines ...	325	0	0	Clerks	25,478	3	8
Amount of stamp penalty	11	4	0	Servants	1,404	0	0
Excess of expenditure over receipts	45,659	0	10	*Process-serving Establishment.*			
				One-third of Bailiff's salary and two peons, the remainder being charged to the Small Cause Court	1,894	14	11
				Contingencies	1,483	13	0
Total ...	93,440	6	10	Total ...	93,440	6	10

11. Mr. Agnew was Recorder till the 20th January and Mr. MacEwen was Additional Recorder. From the 21st January to the end of the year Mr. MacEwen officiated as Recorder and Mr. Fox as Additional Recorder.

THE COURT OF SMALL CAUSES.

12. There were 4,447 regular and 3,981 miscellaneous suits and applications instituted during the year, making a total of 8,428 suits.

13. The number of suits of all kinds filed in 1887 was 8,664, so that there was a decrease in 1888 of 236 suits in all. There were 877 plaints filed in Burmese before the Second Judge during the year as against 1,129 in 1887.

NOTE.—The figures in the printed report for 1887, paragraph 11, are incorrect.

14. Mr. Bigge reports that, in accordance with the practice that has hitherto prevailed, all miscellaneous applications of whatever kind have been numbered consecutively as suits. This practice, he says, is objectionable as giving a fallacious estimate of the work done by the Court, has been discontinued, and the practice in use in the Recorder's Court has been substituted. Applications for execution are now filed as applications in the regular suit, numbered with an execution number, and entered in an execution register, such cases only as require a judicial enquiry or order being now filed as miscellaneous suits and numbered as such.

15. The total value of suits instituted in 1888 was Rs. 4,34,092-11-0, the value in 1887 being Rs. 4,70,158-1-11, so that there was a decrease in 1888 of Rs. 36,065-0-11. The average amount at issue in each case was Rs. 97-9-10; in the previous year the average was Rs. 100-11-6.

16. The First Judge disposed of 2,024 regular and 2,740 miscellaneous suits, making a total of 4,764, while the Second Judge disposed of 2,591 regular and 1,272 miscellaneous suits, making a total of 3,863. The First Judge disposed of 575 contested cases, the average duration of which was 42·65, and 1,449 uncontested cases, the average duration being 26·81. The Second Judge disposed of 650 contested and 1,941 uncontested cases, the average duration being 31·69 and 21·9 respectively.

17. Mr. Bigge remarks that, with regard to the duration of suits, such a return cannot be regarded as an absolute criterion of the time which intervenes in his Court between institution and hearing as there are many factors existing which all tend to a duration being shown which is rather apparent than real. He sets up an example that in a large number of instances a defendant cannot be found when the first summons is pending, and it is by no means unusual that four or more fresh summonses may be issued before due service is effected, the circumstance of the case meanwhile not rendering it desirable or indeed legal that substituted service should be granted; and, again, a large number of processes from his Court are sent to outside Courts for service, and it not unfrequently happens that either the summonses are not served at all or the return as to service is so unsatisfactory, although forms to be filled up by the serving Court are sent with the process in every case, that a fresh summons has to be

issued. He further remarks that delay is often caused by issuing commissions to examine both parties and witnesses; and, lastly, he says that during the past year advantage has been largely taken by plaintiffs who have been unable to effect service of summons on their defendants of the provisions of section 99(*a*) of the Code of Civil Procedure, with the result that on an application by the plaintiff a suit is transferred to a separate list and stands over for one year from the date of the issue of the last summons pending any application in the interim for issue of a fresh summons. On the 20th December 1888 there were 15 miscellaneous applications and 35 regular suits standing over in this way which were brought into the list of the day for orders. Of the miscellaneous applications three were withdrawn, four were ordered to stand over, while as regards the remainder fresh notices were granted. Out of the regular suits 24 were dismissed by consent or withdrawn with leave, seven were ordered to stand over, and four fresh summonses were granted.

18. The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 268 regular and 119 miscellaneous, making a total of 387. The number pending at the close of 1887 was 354 regular and 150 miscellaneous.

19. There were 2,819 applications to execute decrees in 1888 and 2,716 such applications in 1887.

20. There were 1,142 miscellaneous applications other than applications for execution of decrees in 1888. In 1887 there were 1,215 such applications.

21. There were 21 applications filed under Chapter XX of the Code of Civil Procedure. In 1887 there were 27 such applications.

22. There were 63 applications for revision to the Court of the Recorder.

23. Mr. Bigge observes that the number of applications for revision, namely, 63, appears large when compared with other years, and that this is due to two consequences entailed by the passing of the Provincial Small Cause Courts Act of 1888. In the first place that Act has designedly or not abolished the old procedure by way of application for new trials as the only proceeding analogous thereto is a review of judgment, with the result that, while under the old practice a new trial could be applied for on an 8-anna stamp, in an application for new trial under the provisions of the Court-fees Act one-half of the court-fee leviable in the original suit is leviable; secondly, it has been held that under section 25 there is practicably an appeal to the High Court in every case, both on points of law and facts, and as such application can be made on the ordinary 8-anna stamp it is not surprising that litigants who profess to be dissatisfied with the decisions of his Court should adopt the less expensive procedure of a direct appeal to the Court of the Recorder.

24. The value of court-fee stamps used was Rs. 46,626-8-0. The value in 1887 was Rs. 49,216-11-0, showing a decrease on the previous year of Rs. 2,590-3-0.

25. The following is a statement of receipts and expenditure for the year 1888:—

Receipts.	Amount.			Expenditure.	Amount.		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Amount realized by stamps on institution.	36,548	2	0	First Judge's pay	9,329	6	3
Tallubana funds collected in stamps.	10,078	6	0	Second Judge's pay	5,882	13	0
Stamp penalty levied on insufficiently stamped documents.	592	12	0	Establishment	12,857	1	10
Sale of empty stationery cases ...	0	7	0	Contingencies	491	8	5
Sale of unserviceable furniture ...	5	0	0	Two-thirds share of Bailiff's pay, two-thirds share of the head peon's pay, and pay of eight peons of the Bailiff's establishment debited to this Court by direction of the Recorder of Rangoon.	2,912	0	0
				Balance of receipts over expenditure.	15,751	13	6
Total ..	47,224	11	0	Total ...	47,224	11	0

RANGOON:
The 27th March 1888.

R. S. T. MACEWEN,
Officiating Recorder.

PART II.

Courts under the Supervision of the Judicial Commissioner.

From W. E. WARD, Esq., C.S.I., Judicial Commissioner, Lower Burma, to the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Burma,—No. 269-85, dated the 23rd April 1889.

I BEG to submit the civil justice statements for 1888 for the whole province including the Special Court and the Town of Rangoon. The report, as in previous years, deals only with the figures of the Judicial Commissioner's Court and of the Courts subordinate thereto, including the Court of the Hill Tracts of Arakan. The tables given in the reports of previous years were imperfect and have been completely revised. Some of them have been omitted altogether, others curtailed, and one new table has been added in paragraph 12.

I.—ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

2. There were no original suits instituted or disposed of during the year in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner.

3. The total number of suits instituted since 1880 in all Courts subordinate to the Judicial Commissioner is given below :—

1880	...	...	27,580	1885	...	...	27,961
1881	...	...	27,675	1886	...	...	27,286
1882	...	...	28,215	1887	...	...	27,456
1883	...	...	28,906	1888	...	...	30,123
1884	...	...	30,148				

The institutions of 1888 exceed those of any of the previous years except 1884 and only fall short of the institutions of that year by 25. These figures afford a strong indication of returning peace and prosperity to the country. In the Tenasserim and Arakan divisions litigation has been stationary, whereas the Irrawaddy and Pegu divisions show a marked increase in institutions. The figures for the past two years for each division are given below :—

Division.	Institutions.		Increase or decrease.
	1887.	1888.	
Arakan	3,213	3,265	+ 52
Pegu	6,408	7,846	+ 1,438
Irrawaddy	9,822	11,002	+ 1,180
Tenasserim	8,013	8,010	- 3

The following table shows the number of cases instituted in the different Courts of original jurisdiction, the number disposed of, and the state of the files at the close of the year as compared with similar results for the preceding year :—

Division.	Name of district.	Instituted.*		Disposed of.		Pending at close of year. Above four months.		Total pending.	
		1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.	1887	1888.
Arakan.	Akyab	1,070	1,035	1,078	1,059	3	...	23	22
	Akyab Small Cause Court	506	500	520	495	...	...	1	10
	Kyaukpyu	640	723	639	732	...	..	12	13
	Sandoway	280	370	207	363	..	..	...	7
	Northern Arakan	105	37	118	38	..	..	1	.
	Total	3,218	3,205	3,252	3,271	3	...	87	52
Pegu.	Hanthawaddy	980	1,067	980	1,065	...	...	8	30
	Pegu	1,748	1,803	1,770	1,875	...	2	20	42
	Pegu Small Cause Court	...	40	...	28	...	...	..	12
	Tharrawaddy	1,807	2,300	1,833	2,364	...	...	39	32
	Tharrawaddy Small Cause Court	..	74	.	73	...	...	.	1
	Prome	1,773	1,900	1,700	2,013	...	...	53	35
	Prome Small Cause Court	100	393	80	387	...	...	11	10
	Judicial Commissioner, Lower Burma	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
	Total	6,408	7,816	6,440	7,825	...	2	137	168
Irrawaddy.	Henzada	1,531	1,656	1,535	1,637	..	..	81	60
	Henzada Small Cause Court	511	572	504	583	..	.	14	3
	Bassein	2,930	3,605	2,930	3,592	..	2	67	101
	Bassein Small Cause Court	505	271	509	271	...	...	3	3
	Thôngwa	3,173	2,988	3,108	2,960	11	5	95	110
	Thôngwa Small Cause Court	95	763	81	771	...	..	14	6
	Thayetmyo	1,022	1,063	1,000	1,008	..	1	53	48
	Thayetmyo Small Cause Court	65	74	65	78	..	.	..	...
	Total	9,822	11,002	9,796	10,900	11	8	288	340
Tenasserim.	Amherst	1,471	1,559	1,474	1,520	1	3	33	50
	Amherst Small Cause Court	154	149	153	149	...	...	2	2
	Shwegyin	1,220	1,458	1,204	1,439	...	..	45	53
	Shwegyin Small Cause Court	221	162	225	150	...	...	.	8
	Toungoo	709	878	701	804	..	6	33	12
	Toungoo Small Cause Court	345	321	350	322	...	...	1	..
	Tavoy	519	428	515	428	.	..	15	5
	Mergui	409	546	406	536	...	...	13	23
	Salween	40	65	40	64	..	.	2	3
	Moulmein Judge's Court	201	195	202	178	14	15	29	44
	Moulmein Small Cause side	2,874	2,259	2,683	2,276	28	9	113	100
	Total	8,013	8,010	8,103	7,984	43	33	286	301
	Grand Total	27,456	30,128	27,591	30,040	57	43	748	861
	Increase	...	2,667	.	2,449	...	...	..	113
	Decrease	.	..	..	...	.	14	.	.

* Excluding cases received by transfer and cases pending from previous year.

In the Arakan division the districts of Akyab and Northern Arakan show a decrease in institutions. The decrease in Northern Arakan is attributed to the absence of the Deputy Commissioner from headquarters for a good portion of the year. In the Pegu and Irrawaddy divisions every district shows an increase, the most prominent among these being the districts of Tharrawaddy, Prome, Bassein, and Thôngwa. This increase is due to the quieting down of the country and the consequent revival of trade. In the Tenasserim division most districts show a slight increase which, however, is counterbalanced by a decrease of 91 institutions in the Tavoy district and of 321 institutions in the Town of Moulmein, this last decrease having occurred almost entirely on the Small Cause Court side of the Judge's Court. The decrease of institutions in Tavoy is due to the outbreak of the rebellion in that district, and the decrease in Moulmein is attributed by the Judge to the operation of the Debtors Act. Mr. Macleod writes :

" Native women, especially Burmese women, have always formed a very considerable section of the litigants in this Court in the character chiefly of defendants, and the immunity from arrest which they enjoy has, I think, made creditors less ready to resort to Court with the only remedy left to them of attaching their debtors' separate property * * * * The effect of the Act has also been, I understand, to restrict trading and other pecuniary transactions with women, and this perhaps has tended further to diminish the litigation on the Small Cause Court side."

Mr. Macleod would also attribute the decrease in institution on the Small Cause Court side of his Court to the greater prosperity of the trade of Moulmein,

the effect of which is to diminish the number of cases instituted for the enforcement of undisputed claims.

4. The following table shows the character of the original litigation in the different districts and classes of Courts :—

Division.	Name of district.	Number of suits. On written obligation.	On unwritten obligation.	On account stated.	For money had and received.	For goods sold.	For breach of contract not mentioned above.	For rent.	For moveable property or value thereof.	For damages.	For immoveable property or interest therein.	For specific performance of contract.	For dissolution of marriage or for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Other suits.	Total.
Arakan.	Akyab	508	292	1	16	128	58	161	238	104	42	3	25	62	1,635
	Akyab Small Cause Court.	241	45	1	13	81	93	1	17	5	...	...	...	4	500
	Kyaukpyu	104	171	...	19	86	32	22	113	75	67	3	19	19	723
	Sandoway ...	40	49	4	2	60	5	22	96	30	38	..	8	7	370
	Northern Arakan ...	...	...	...	12	8	3	...	...	...	1	...	8	5	37
	Total ...	893	557	6	64	372	190	206	464	214	148	6	53	97	3,265
Pegu.	Hanthawaddy ...	107	224	5	18	87	97	26	269	81	53	1	21	9	1,097
	Pegu ...	447	632	19	9	212	132	20	272	66	34	1	38	11	1,893
	Pegu Small Cause Court	7	6	1	1	14	4	3	4	...	...	...	...	..	40
	Tharrawaddy ...	371	207	3	46	375	182	5	460	538	77	1	54	50	2,309
	Tharrawaddy Small Cause Court.	6	16	...	...	15	5	...	13	19	...	...	...	..	74
	Prome	205	279	11	55	356	89	48	178	430	183	1	106	38	1,990
	Prome Small Cause Court.	180	52	7	20	87	...	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	393
	Judicial Commissioner, Lower Burma.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	1,413	1,476	46	149	1,146	459	149	1,196	1,143	347	3	221	108	7,846
Irrawaddy.	Henzada	154	170	7	327	218	66	10	138	408	81	...	61	26	1,666
	Henzada Small Cause Court.	51	103	17	213	90	10	3	69	16	...	...	...	...	572
	Bassein	344	665	40	90	572	349	38	698	573	151	...	121	34	3,625
	Bassein Small Cause Court	153	49	13	...	45	7	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	271
	Thongwa	403	795	3	23	641	229	22	240	278	149	3	88	23	2,998
	Thongwa Small Cause Court.	47	240	...	...	411	59	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	763
	Thayetmyo	230	223	4	10	170	46	21	112	145	54	...	30	10	1,053
	Thayetmyo Small Cause Court.	49	3	...	...	10	5	2	...	5	...	...	...	...	74
	Total ...	1,500	2,247	84	663	2,157	804	96	1,195	1,427	428	3	300	93	11,002
Tenasserim.	Amherst	462	301	12	24	135	102	27	210	79	67	2	15	20	1,456
	Amherst Small Cause Court.	47	57	1	...	25	6	12	1	...	...	...	...	...	149
	Shwegyin	241	252	25	6	458	109	20	161	58	37	...	29	20	1,451
	Shwegyin Small Cause Court.	21	51	...	...	49	10	1	11	19	...	...	...	...	102
	Toungoo	203	53	7	36	206	32	27	129	62	36	...	46	34	872
	Toungoo Small Cause Court.	141	37	4	22	45	23	3	46	...	...	...	...	...	321
	Tavoy	76	64	1	10	128	17	12	53	18	17	...	4	20	428
	Mergui	171	87	5	55	115	26	12	17	28	5	...	12	13	546
	Salween	12	10	1	2	10	10	...	7	6	2	...	1	4	65
	Moulmein Judge's Court	46	2	2	2	3	1	...	13	2	3	2	4	115	195
	Moulmein Small Cause side.	1,169	153	57	75	376	245	88	92	7	...	...	...	1	2,259
	Total ...	2,585	1,157	115	238	1,580	580	202	748	279	169	11	110	236	8,010
	Grand Total ...	6,386	5,437	251	1,114	5,255	2,033	653	3,593	3,063	1,092	23	684	534	30,122
	In 1887 ...	6,687	4,750	250	1,037	4,394	1,735	599	3,003	2,845	1,036	24	652	484	27,456
	Increase ...	...	687	1	77	861	298	54	590	218	56	4	32	50	2,667
	Decrease ...	301	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

As has been pointed out in previous reports the bulk of the suits instituted in the Courts of Burma are on written or unwritten obligations, or for goods sold, and are of an extremely simple character. The proportion of suits on unwritten obligation to total suits on obligations, either written or unwritten, was 46 per cent. as compared with 42 per cent. in 1887 and 39 per cent. in 1886. This may perhaps be taken as indicating on the part of the people a greater confidence in the performance of contracts, due no doubt to the quieting down of the country.

5. The table below shows the value of original suits :—

Division.	Name of district.	Number of suits instituted valued at not exceeding Rs. 10.	Rs. 50.	Rs. 100.	Rs. 500.	Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 5,000.	Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money	Total value of suits. Rs. A. P.
Arakan.	Akyab	265	762	248	289	2	17	4	3	23	2,22,234 8 9
	Akyab Small Cause Court	92	267	119	22	..	..	..	..	..	21,357 9 7
	Kyaukpyu	246	350	67	44	..	1	..	..	15	25,336 12 10
	Sandoway	161	141	39	19	..	2	..	..	8	15,636 9 5
	Northern Arakan	5	16	7	8	..	..	..	..	1	2,303 10 0
	Total	769	1,536	480	382	24	20	4	3	47	2,86,868 13 7
Pegu.	Hanthawaddy	116	427	288	195	31	8	..	..	22	1,07,764 8 11
	Pegu	135	793	503	381	24	14	..	..	43	1,92,736 5 0
	Pegu Small Cause Court	11	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	956 7 0
	Tharrawaddy	303	1,248	465	267	4	2	..	..	85	1,81,769 6 7
	Tharrawaddy Small Cause Court.	17	57	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,637 6 7
	Prome	425	926	348	201	14	11	2	..	63	1,29,839 9 4
	Prome Small Cause Court	76	158	78	81	..	..	..	..	..	22,572 0 10
	Judicial Commissioner, Lower Burma.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
	Total	1,083	3,638	1,682	1,125	73	35	2	..	213	5,87,275 12 3
Irrawaddy.	Henzada	177	720	382	305	3	6	..	..	78	1,03,816 3 6
	Henzada Small Cause Court	167	394	10	1	..	..	..	..	..	12,904 5 5
	Bassein	659	1,678	682	428	30	8	1	..	119	2,14,175 9 6
	Bassein Small Cause Court	85	146	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,938 4 7
	Thôngwa	396	974	794	689	22	11	..	..	102	2,49,625 14 1
	Thôngwa Small Cause Court	229	534	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16,628 2 6
	Thayetmyo	238	455	188	139	8	3	..	..	32	65,466 8 11
	Thayetmyo Small Cause Court.	17	37	17	3	..	..	..	..	..	2,686 12 1
	Total	1,968	4,938	2,113	1,565	63	28	1	..	326	6,72,241 12 7
Tenasserim.	Amherst	178	704	312	313	25	9	..	..	18	1,35,911 6 11
	Amherst Small Cause Court	18	136	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,006 8 7
	Shwegyin	204	589	396	219	13	3	..	..	29	1,02,921 8 8
	Shwegyin Small Cause Court	46	116	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,359 0 0
	Toungoo	105	314	126	257	21	14	..	1	55	1,30,426 3 0
	Toungoo Small Cause Court	54	189	78	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,761 9 5
	Tavoy	97	227	59	37	2	2	..	..	4	24,788 0 2
	Mergui	81	273	99	83	2	..	..	..	8	43,781 5 4
	Salween	6	25	12	14	2	1	..	..	5	8,130 14 8
	Moulmein Judge's Court	1	..	9	53	23	69	22	14	4	5,64,295 9 0
	Moulmein Small Cause side	325	1,023	378	456	77	..	..	..	..	2,07,370 8 0
	Total	1,110	3,596	1,469	1,412	165	98	22	15	123	12,35,702 9 4
	Grand Total	4,930	13,708	5,744	4,484	325	181	29	18	709	27,82,086 15 9
	In 1887	4,667	11,952	5409	4,162	326	218	27	18	677	28,96,262 2 7
	Increase	263	1,751	335	322	..	..	2	..	32	....
	Decrease	..	..	..	..	1	37	..	..	..	1,14,173 2 10

Notwithstanding the increase in institutions there has been a decrease in the value of original suits amounting over Rs. 1,14,000. Out of the 30,123 cases instituted, 62 per cent. did not exceed Rs. 50 in value, the proportion in 1887 having been 60 per cent.

The decrease in the value of suits is almost entirely due to the Arakan division, which shows a decrease of Rs. 1,24,165, three heavy suits instituted in Akyab in 1887 having largely swelled the figures of that year. In the Pegu division there has been an increase of about Rs. 40,000, in the Irrawaddy division a decrease of about one lakh, and in the Tenasserim division an increase of about Rs. 70,000. In the Moulmein Judge's Court, excluding the Small Cause Court side, the increase in value of suits has been over Rs. 73,000; on the Small Cause Court side there is a decrease in value owing to the decrease in institutions.

6. The manner in which the litigation was disposed of in the several Courts is shown below :—

Division.	Name of district.	Number of cases brought on the file, including pending from last year.	Transferred.	Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	Contested cases. Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Contested cases. Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	Referred to arbitration.
Arakan.	Akyab	1,675	3	7	237	16	170	226	473	11	393	181	1,653	22	..
	Akyab Small Cause Court ...	505	2	...	68	7	36	64	151	10	194	40	495	10	..
	Kyaukpyu	735	11	...	104	6	94	113	62	28	178	85	721	13	1
	Sandoway	370	..	..	53	...	61	81	47	..	84	37	363	7	...
	Northern Arakan ...	39	...	...	3	1	1	9	5	...	3	...	22	...	16
	Total ...	3,323	16	7	540	30	371	493	718	46	700	343	3,271	52	17
Pegu.	Hanthawaddy	1,005	...	5	173	30	142	189	117	67	227	94	1,005	39	1
	Pegu	1,917	2	2	615	11	119	372	230	3	383	141	1,875	42	6
	Pegu Small Cause Court ...	40	...	...	10	...	...	5	3	...	0	4	22	18	...
	Tharrawaddy	2,416	...	9	700	26	108	304	209	12	675	277	2,344	56	4
	Tharrawaddy Small Cause Court.	74	...	...	11	2	...	9	7	16	11	15	73	1	.
	Prome	2,048	...	1	603	19	61	154	168	3	670	308	2,018	25	2
	Prome Small Cause Court ...	403	1	...	98	9	6	100	63	...	86	25	387	16	..
	Judicial Commissioner, Lower Burma.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
	Total ...	7,903	3	17	2,270	97	449	1,133	797	123	2,007	859	7,825	198	13
Irrawaddy.	Henzada	1,907	...	...	305	53	122	216	82	106	518	216	1,637	60	19
	Henzada Small Cause Court	586	...	...	224	6	9	88	61	5	125	65	583	3	
	Bassein	3,608	3	1	1,014	24	134	375	409	50	974	549	3,592	101	2
	Bassein Small Cause Court.	274	...	...	52	...	19	87	47	...	45	21	271	3	...
	Thangwa	3,079	...	4	1,071	46	66	340	318	7	706	357	2,900	119	17
	Thongwa Small Cause Court	777	...	...	375	...	20	65	150	4	94	63	771	6	..
	Thayetmyo ...	1,116	5	14	250	34	90	144	90	13	274	132	1,066	48	3
	Thayetmyo Small Cause Court.	78	...	5	4	5	...	46	7	.	4	5	78	...	2
	Total ...	11,900	8	24	3,304	108	489	1,367	1,930	185	2,742	1,408	10,000	340	43
Tenasserim.	Amherst	1,585	7	4	159	26	40	257	281	121	433	102	1,529	56	7
	Amherst Small Cause Court	151	...	...	...	...	53	42	27	...	17	10	149	2	...
	Shwegyin	1,492	6	9	256	31	124	262	123	...	448	160	1,439	53	5
	Shwegyin Small Cause Court	102	...	...	40	3	2	28	23	...	48	15	159	3	..
	Toungoo	906	...	7	53	28	60	253	83	4	230	127	804	12	...
	Toungoo Small Cause Court	322	...	16	37	1	6	87	63	...	90	23	323	...	...
	Tavoy	443	...	6	48	7	6	101	28	9	181	52	438	5	..
	Mergui	559	...	...	3	7	24	150	93	41	144	74	580	28	...
	Salween	67	...	1	4	9	...	10	4	...	31	5	64	3	...
	Moulmein Judge's Court ...	223	2	...	2	5	6	23	45	2	73	15	178	44	5
	Moulmein Small Cause side	2,376	3	2	334	14	127	130	857	5	597	204	2,276	100	6
	Total ...	8,285	18	45	936	131	459	1,333	1,627	182	2,341	905	7,984	301	21
	Grand Total ...	30,901	45	93	7,052	426	1,768	4,326	4,372	536	7,850	3,515	30,040	891	95
	In 1887	28,339	45	46	5,909	497	1,790	3,885	3,989	497	7,642	3,277	27,501	748	109

Out of the total number of cases disposed of 11,371, or over 37 per cent., were contested as compared with 10,919 cases, or 39 per cent., in 1887. The percentage of contested cases in Burma is very much larger than it is in Bengal, where the proportion rarely exceeds 24 per cent., and in 1887 was under 22 per cent.

The percentage of the whole number of cases decided against and in favour of plaintiffs is shown below :—

	1886.	1887.	1888.
Decided against plaintiff	34	37	39
Compromised	7	7	6
Decided in favour of plaintiff	59	56	55

In this statement cases decided against the plaintiff include plaints rejected, plaints dismissed in default, plaints withdrawn, and plaints dismissed *ex parte*, as well as on trial; while, on the other hand, cases decided in favour of plaintiff include cases decreed *ex parte*, on confession, and on trial. The proportion of cases decided in favour of plaintiffs is much below that in Bengal, where it varies from 62 to 63 per cent.

In the Moulmein Judge's Court 2,276 Small Cause Court cases and 178 regular suits were disposed of compared with 2,683 and 202 cases in 1887. The proportion of contested cases of the Small Cause Court class was 35 per cent. and of regular suits 49 per cent.

7. The average duration of suits in Courts of original jurisdiction was as follows :—

Division.	Name of district	Average duration of suits.			
		For previous year		*For year of report.*	
		Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested	Uncontested.
Arakan	Akyab	22	14	20	11
	Akyab Small Cause Court	10	11	10	12
	Kyaukpyu	17	6	12	6
	Sandoway	21	10	15	10
	Northern Arakan	4	14	18	8
	Total	18	12	16	10
Pegu.	Hanthawaddy	19	11	16	9
	Pegu	25	15	25	14
	Pegu Small Cause Court	...	...	16	8
	Tharrawaddy	19	16	19	12
	Tharrawaddy Small Cause Court	...	...	7	7
	Prome	22	14	24	18
	Prome Small Cause Court	12	11	14	12
	Judicial Commissioner, Lower Burma	...	...		
	Total	21	13	21	13
Irrawaddy.	Henzada	13	8	15	9
	Henzada Small Cause Court	13	7	15	8
	Bassein	21	12	21	14
	Bassein Small Cause Court	8	8	8	9
	Thôngwa	21	13	24	16
	Thôngwa Small Cause Court	16	12	17	13
	Thayetmyo	16	12	19	14
	Thayetmyo Small Cause Court	3	4	8	3
	Total	19	12	20	14
Tenasserim	Amherst	12	8	14	8
	Amherst Small Cause Court	13	10	13	10
	Shwegyin	22	15	16	12
	Shwegyin Small Cause Court	9	7	7	6
	Toungoo	13	9	12	8
	Toungoo Small Cause Court	10	8	10	8
	Tavoy	17	9	18	8
	Mergui	18	12	20	18
	Salween	25	10	14	10
	Moulmein Judge's Court	98	37	75	33
	Moulmein Small Cause side	33	22	23	14
	Total	23	15	19	12
	Grand Total	21	13	20	12

In last year's report the satisfactory reduction that had been made in the duration of suits was noticed. There has been a still further reduction in the year under report, the average duration in contested cases being 20 and in uncontested cases 12 days as compared with 21 and 13 days respectively in 1887. This improvement has occurred entirely in the Arakan and Tenasserim divisions. In the Irrawaddy division there has been an increase in durations. There has been a marked decrease in the duration of cases in the Court of the Judge of Moulmein, and that Court can now compare, I think, favourably with the Courts of India in this respect.

8. The following table shows the number of applications for execution and the degree in which the applications were satisfied:

Division.	Name of district.	Number of applications for execution, including those pending from last year.	Decrees completely executed.	Decrees partially executed.	Pending at close of year.
Arakan.	Akyab	606	225	117	22
	Akyab Small Cause Court	170	60	24	1
	Kyaukpyu	184	88	50	14
	Sandoway	58	25	12	5
	Northern Arakan	4	3	1	...
	Total	1,022	396	204	42
Pegu.	Hanthawaddy	268	84	57	32
	Pegu	500	102	80	31
	Pegu Small Cause Court	9	4	...	2
	Tharrawaddy	398	170	57	24
	Tharrawaddy Small Cause Court	4	4	...	...
	Prome	305	134	64	16
	Prome Small Cause Court	62	20	13	4
	Judicial Commissioner, Lower Burma	..	...	...	..
	Total	1,536	587	271	109
Irrawaddy.	Henzada	300	84	65	31
	Henzada Small Cause Court	59	12	21	...
	Bassein	777	316	119	41
	Bassein Small Cause Court	64	18	11	3
	Thôngwa	741	186	100	42
	Thôngwa Small Cause Court	54	9	...	...
	Thayetmyo	170	47	40	21
	Thayetmyo Small Cause Court	24	11	10	...
	Total	2,189	683	366	138
Tenasserim.	Amherst	582	212	114	59
	Amherst Small Cause Court	36	9	3	9
	Shwegyin	428	130	105	32
	Shwegyin Small Cause Court	29	4	4	1
	Toungoo	348	79	87	19
	Toungoo Small Cause Court	75	11	16	..
	Tavoy	95	61	9	6
	Mergui	172	68	39	11
	Salween	10	3	...	...
	Moulmein Judge's Court	146	11	48	12
	Moulmein Small Cause side	1,187	109	231	71
	Total	3,103	711	651	220
	Grand Total	7,850	2,377	1,492	509
	In 1887	7,993	2,580	1,618	402

In 2,377 cases applications for execution were wholly successful, in 1,492 cases they were partially successful, and in 3,472 cases they were wholly infructuous. The proportion to total applications disposed of is shown below for the past three years:—

	Percentage in		
	1886.	1887.	1888.
Wholly successful	34	33	33
Partially successful	23	21	20
Wholly infructuous	43	46	47

The figures for the past year are not as satisfactory as they have been in previous years.

9. Processes of execution were issued as follows:—

Division.	Name of district.	Mode of execution.						Orders under section 248, Civil Procedure Code.
		Delivery of possession.	Imprisonment of person.	Moveable property.		Immoveable property.		
				Attached.	Sold.	Attached.	Sold.	
Arakan.	Akyab	22	17	112	60	64	47	...
	Akyab Small Cause Court	1	5	19	12	...	...	...
	Kyaukpyu	2	4	62	15	43	13	...
	Sandoway	8	1	14	7	12	7	...
	Northern Arakan	...	.	1	1	...	..	...
	Total	28	27	208	95	119	67	..
Pegu.	Hanthawaddy	...	4	76	50	88	28	...
	Pegu	...	4	125	40	61	26	...
	Pegu Small Cause Court	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
	Tharrawaddy	1	6	108	35	61	16	...
	Tharrawaddy Small Cause Court	...	...	3	..	1	..	...
	Prome	1	6	85	41	77	40	...
	Prome Small Cause Court	...	2	19	14	...	...	...
	Judicial Commissioner, Lower Burma	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	2	22	420	180	288	105	...
Irawaddy.	Henzada	...	8	82	58	58	20	...
	Henzada Small Cause Court	...	6	15	9	...	...	...
	Bassein	8	1	258	87	68	28	...
	Bassein Small Cause Court	...	2	18	...	6	4	...
	Thôngwa	2	1	164	65	66	30	...
	Thôngwa Small Cause Court	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Thayetmyo	...	4	32	13	23	15	...
	Thayetmyo Small Cause Court	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	10	19	565	232	216	97	...
Tenasserim.	Amherst	7	9	131	54	80	44	...
	Amherst Small Cause Court	...	...	8	3	...	...	...
	Shwegyin	1	8	60	29	94	40	...
	Shwegyin Small Cause Court	...	..	3	...	4	4	...
	Toungoo	...	6	67	24	62	43	...
	Toungoo Small Cause Court	...	2	21	4	...	...	.
	Tavoy	4	16	10	2	17	4	...
	Mergui	2	21	18	8	18	9	...
	Salween	...	...	5	3	...		...
	Moulmein Judge's Court	...	2	8	4	29	16	...
	Moulmein Small Cause side	...	24	59	35	...	...	...
	Total	14	88	410	166	304	160	...
	Grand Total	54	156	1,603	673	877	429	...
	In 1887	76	224	1,363	589	901	494	...

The number of arrests during the past five years is shown below:—

1884	487
1885	377
1886	282
1887	224
1888	156

The steady falling-off of recent years in this form of execution was noticed last year and still continues. There has been no decrease in the Arakan division, but all the other divisions show a decrease. In the Tenasserim division there was a decrease of 44 cases.

10. The following table shows the number of persons who applied to be declared insolvent :—

Division.	Name of district.	Number of persons who applied to be declared insolvent.	Number of applications granted.	Number dismissed or rejected.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	Remarks.
Arakan.	Akyab	7	3	3	7	...	1 withdrawn.
	Kyaukpyu	..	...	...	...	...	
	Sandoway	2	1	1	2	...	
	Northern Arakan	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total ...	9	4	4	9	...	1 withdrawn.
Pegu.	Hanthawaddy	...	...	...	...	...	
	Pegu	4	...	2	2	2	
	Tharrawaddy	3	1	2	3	...	
	Prome	1	...	1	1	...	
	Total ...	8	1	5	6	2	
Irrawaddy.	Henzada	12	9	...	12	...	3 withdrawn.
	Bassein	20	9	9	19	1	1 withdrawn.
	Thôngwa	7	4	1	7	...	2 withdrawn.
	Thayetmyo	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total ...	39	22	10	38	1	6 withdrawn.
Tenasserim.	Amherst	8	3	...	7	1	4 withdrawn.
	Shwegyin	6	5	1	6	...	
	Toungoo	8	4	3	8	...	1 withdrawn.
	Tavoy	9	4	5	9	...	
	Mergui	4	1	3	4	...	
	Salween	...	...	...	...	...	
	Moulmein	27	13	...	26	1	13 withdrawn.
	Total ...	62	30	12	60	2	18 withdrawn.
	Grand Total ...	118	57	31	118	5	25 withdrawn.

There were only 118 applications last year against 223 applications in 1887. As pointed out in last year's report, the law of arrest having been amended, this decrease was expected.

II.—Appellate Jurisdiction.

11. The following table shows the number and result of appeals preferred to the Deputy Commissioner from the decrees of the subordinate Courts, the number pending at the close of the year, and the average duration of appeals :—

Division.	Appellate Court	Number of appeals preferred.*	Number of appeals disposed of						Pending		Average duration of appeals
			Confirmed.	Modified.	Remanded	Reversed	Otherwise disposed of, including transfers.	Total	Over three months	Total.	
Arakan	Akyab ...	57	51	3	1	9	1	65		6	38
	Kyaukpyu ...	54	29	10	2	11		52		3	19
	Sandoway	22	16	1		6	..	23			18
	Northern Arakan ...				..					..	
	Total ...	133	96	14	3	26	1	140	..	9	27
Pegu	Hanthawaddy ...	47	33	1	1	11	4	50			16
	Pegu	74	49	1	2	17		69		6	18
	Tharrawaddy	65	47	8		14	...	69			23
	Prome ...	93	73	5	3	11	1	93	...	2	17
	Total .	279	202	15	6	53	5	281	...	8	19
Irrawaddy.	Henzada	97	60	12	1	27	6	115		9	117
	Bassein	206	130	14	2	32	5	183	15	41	59
	Thôngwa	89	61	4	3	15	2	85	...	4	14
	Thayetmyo ...	67	38	1	7	16	2	64		5	24
	Total ...	459	298	31	13	90	15	447	15	59	60
Tenasserim	Amherst ...	84	53	9	4	16	1	83	1	5	21
	Shwegyin ...	90	67	4		16	...	87	1	5	7
	Toungoo	59	37	5	...	15	1	58		1	18
	Tavoy	56	35	7		10	...	52	...	7	17
	Mergui	60	26	3	1	19		49	...	11	15
	Salween ..	4	1	.		3	...	4	.		14
	Total	353	219	28	5	79	2	333	2	29	16
	Grand Total ...	1,224	815	88	27	248	23	1,201	17	105	34
	In 1887	1,127	777	80	41	258	9	1,165	.	82	28

* Excluding cases pending from previous year and cases received by transfer

There has been a small increase in the number of appeals instituted as compared with 1887, and this increase has occurred chiefly in the Irrawaddy division. The following statement shows that though the number of appeals preferred to Deputy Commissioners showed an increase last year it was below the number preferred in 1884 and 1885 :—

Year.	Number of appeals preferred
1884	1,391
1885	1,382
1886	1,102
1887	1,127
1888	1,224

Out of the total number of 1,201 appeals disposed of, decrees were confirmed in 815 cases, being a proportion of nearly 68 per cent. This is a high percentage and shows that District Officers do not unnecessarily disturb the decisions of the first Court. In Bengal the proportion of decrees of Munsifs' Courts confirmed in appeal in the years 1886 and 1887 was 57 and 58 per cent. respectively.

There has been an increase in the average duration of appeals in Deputy Commissioners' Courts as compared with the previous year, but the figures com-

pare favourably with 1886, when the average duration was 55 days. The duration figures for the Irrawaddy division are very high and have spoilt the average for the province. No explanation has been given of the long duration of appeals before the Deputy Commissioners of Henzada and Bassein.

12. The following table shows the number and result of appeals to Commissioners' Courts from the decrees of Deputy Commissioners' Courts, the number of appeals pending at the close of the year, and the average duration of appeals :—

Appellate Court.	Number of appeals preferred *	Number of appeals disposed of: Confirmed.	Modified.	Remanded.	Reversed.	Otherwise disposed of, including transfers.	Total.	Pending: For more than three months.	Total	Average duration of appeals.
Commissioner of Arakan ..	7	3	2	1	...	...	6	...	1	37
Commissioner of Pegu ..	5	3	.	...	...	...	3	...	.	124
Commissioner of Irrawaddy ..	1	..	..	..	3	...	3	...	..	109
Commissioner of Tenasserim	2	2	2	..	...	...	4	...	...	44
Total	18	8	4	1	3	..	16	...	1	80
In 1887 ..	21	18		1	5	3	22	2	4	59

* Excluding cases received by transfer and cases pending from previous year

The civil appellate work of the Commissioners is very light. In 50 per cent. only of the appeals disposed of was the decree of the first Court confirmed. The average duration of cases disposed of by the Commissioner of Irrawaddy is very bad.

13. The following table shows the number and result of regular appeals preferred in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner :—

Division.	Court from whose decision appeal was made.	Number of appeals preferred †	Number of appeals disposed of: Confirmed.	Modified.	Remanded.	Reversed	Otherwise disposed of.	Total	Pending
ARAKAN	Deputy Commissioner, Akyab	5	2	..	..	1	1	4	1
	Deputy Commissioner, Kyaukpyu	3	1	...	.	1	...	3	1
	Deputy Commissioner, Sandoway .. .	1	1	...	...	1	...	2	..
	Commissioner of Arakan	2	2	...	..	.	.	2	..
	Total ...	12	7	...	..	4	1	12	2
PEGU	Deputy Commissioner, Hanthawaddy ...	18	7	2	..	0	1	10	.
	Deputy Commissioner, Pegu ..	5	2	..		..	..	2	4
	Deputy Commissioner, Tharrawaddy	5	...	...		4	1	5	1
	Deputy Commissioner, Prome	12	6	...	2	4	1	13	2
	Commissioner of Pegu	1	...	..	1	...	...	1	1
	Total ...	36	15	2	3	14	3	37	9
IRRAWADDY	Deputy Commissioner, Henzada ...	17	5	3	...	3	2	13	4
	Deputy Commissioner, Bassein ...	13	6	1	1	3	1	12	3
	Deputy Commissioner, Thongwa	15	7		1	3	1	12	3
	Deputy Commissioner Thayetmyo	5	4	1	...	...	...	5	...
	Commissioner of Irrawaddy	1	1	.	...	...	...	1	...
	Total ..	53	23	5	2	9	4	43	13
TENASSERIM	Deputy Commissioner, Amherst	7	7	..	...	3	...	10	.
	Deputy Commissioner, Shwegyin	5	2	1	...	1	...	4	3
	Deputy Commissioner, Toungoo	6	9	...	...	1	...	10	1
	Deputy Commissioner, Tavoy	2	...	..	...	1	...	1	3
	Deputy Commissioner, Salween	1	.	...	.	1	...	1	
	Commissioner of Tenasserim	1		...	...	1	...	1	..
	Total ...	24	18	1	...	8	..	27	7
	GRAND TOTAL ...	125	63	8	5	35	8	119	30
	In 1887	107	52	7	1	20	10	108	24

† Excluding cases pending from previous year

Except in 1886, the civil appellate work of the Judicial Commissioner has not varied much in amount during the past five years as the following figures show :—

Year.	Appeals instituted.
1884	111
1885	127
1886	84
1887	105
1888	125

The proportion of decrees confirmed last year to total disposed of was nearly 53 per cent., which is an improvement on the previous year, when the proportion was only a little over 49 per cent.

14. The next table shows the number and result of miscellaneous appeals preferred to the Court of the Judicial Commissioner.

Division.	Court from whose decision appeal was made.	Number of appeals preferred.*	Number of appeals disposed of.						Pending.
			Confirmed.	Modified.	Remanded.	Reversed.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.	
Arakan.	Deputy Commissioner, Akyab ...	4	4		...	...	...	4	..
	Commissioner of Arakan ..	2	2	...	...	...	..	2	...
	Total ...	6	6	...	...	...	...	6	...
Pegu.	Deputy Commissioner, Hanthawaddy .	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Deputy Commissioner, Pegu ...	2	1	...	...	...	1	2	
	Total .	3	2	...	...	...	1	3	...
Irrawaddy.	Deputy Commissioner, Thayetmyo ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Total .	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tenasserim.	Deputy Commissioner, Shwegyin ...	2	2	. .	.	...	...	2	
	Deputy Commissioner, Toungoo ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Total ...	3	3	.	...	...	...	3	...
	Grand Total ...	13	11	...	...		1	12	1
	In 1887 ..	54	38	...		7	6	51	3

* Excluding cases pending from previous year.

This table has been incorrectly prepared in previous years, miscellaneous applications having been wrongly mixed up with miscellaneous appeals. There is very little miscellaneous appeal work in the Judicial Commissioner's Court.

15. The following table shows the number and result of applications for revision preferred to the Judicial Commissioner under section 622 of the Code of Civil Procedure and section 25 of the Provincial Small Cause Courts Act:

Division.	Court for revision of whose decision application was made.	Number of applications preferred.*	Number of applications disposed of: Confirmed.	Modified.	Remanded.	Reversed.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.	Pending.
Akaran.	Deputy Commissioner, Kyaukpyu	1	2	...	...	...	...	2	...
	Total ...	1	2	...	...	...	...	2	...
Pegu.	Deputy Commissioner, Hanthawaddy	2	3	...	...	...	...	3	...
	Deputy Commissioner, Pegu	2	1	...	...	...	1	2	...
	Assistant Commissioner, Pegu	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Deputy Commissioner, Tharrawaddy	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Deputy Commissioner, Prome	2	1	...	...	...	1	2	..
	Small Cause Court Judge, Prome	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Total ...	9	8	...	...	...	2	10	...
Irra-waddy.	Deputy Commissioner, Bassein	1	1	...	...	...	.	1	.
	Myook of Dedayé	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Total ...	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	...
Tenasserim.	Deputy Commissioner, Amherst	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	...
	Deputy Commissioner, Toungoo	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Deputy Commissioner, Shwegyin	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Judge of Moulmein	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Assistant Commissioner, Toungoo	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Total ...	5	6	...	...	...	...	6	...
	Grand Total ...	17	18	...	...	...	2	20	...
	In 1887 ...	35	27	1	...	...	4	32	3

* Excluding cases pending from previous year.

Applications for revision are rarely successful. They are generally preferred in ignorance or disregard of the law, which only permits interference in revision when the Lower Court has committed some error in law or material irregularity.

16. In addition to the work disposed of by the Judicial Commissioner, as shown in the tables given in the last three paragraphs, he disposed of 54 miscellaneous applications. Out of these 13 were applications for review of judgment, 15 were applications containing general complaints against the proceedings or conduct of the presiding officers of the Lower Courts, three were complaints against the conduct of Advocates, 20 were applications preferred by Advocates for certificates or permission to practise in certain townships, one was an application for permission to appeal *in formâ pauperis*, one was an application for transfer of a case, and one was an application by a clerk in one of the subordinate Courts to be reinstated in a post from which he had been dismissed.

III.—Miscellaneous.

17. The following table shows the financial result of the rules framed under section 20 of the Court-fees Act regulating the fees chargeable for serving processes and remuneration of peons of the Civil Courts :—

Division.	Name of district.	Number of processes issued.	Receipts from process fees.	Charges, including salaries of process-servers, contingencies, &c.
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Arakan.	Akyab	7,989	5,851 0 0	6,251 15 0
	Kyaukpyu	2,992	1,780 0 0	2,808 15 0
	Sandoway	1,409	926 12 0	682 6 0
	Total ..	12,340	8,557 12 0	9,243 4 0
Pegu.	Hanthawaddy ...	3,414	2,618 0 0	1,794 7 6
	Pegu	6,595	4,891 0 0	3,662 5 0
	Tharrawaddy	8,662	5,188 4 0	4,295 11 4
	Prome	7,963	5,051 8 0	5,307 0 0
	Total . .	26,664	17,748 12 0	15,059 7 10
Irrawaddy	Henzada	8,042	4,900 8 0	5,416 4 0
	Bassein	12,928	7,913 0 0	6,764 6 0
	Thôngwa	11,538	6,994 8 0	6,068 11 4
	Thayetmyo	3,108	2,343 10 0	2,610 0 0
	Total ...	35,616	22,151 10 0	20,859 5 4
Tenasserim	Amherst	5,675	4,376 15 0	4,540 8 0
	Shwegyin	6,345	3,899 8 0	2,575 2 8
	Toungoo	4,528	2,929 0 0	2,207 8 0
	Tavoy	2,008	1,351 12 0	1,682 0 0
	Mergui	3,048	1,806 8 0	978 2 0
	Salween	256	191 0 0	91 0 0
	Moulmein	7,886	7,417 12 0	3,549 0 11
	Total ...	29,746	21,972 7 0	15,568 5 7
	Grand Total ...	1,04,366	70,430 9 0	60,730 6 9
	In 1887 .	96,457	69,738 3 0	65,186 12 1

The above table shows that the revised scale of process fees introduced in October 1886 has been worked at a profit during the past year of Rs. 9,700, the total receipts for the year being Rs. 70,430 and the total expenditure Rs. 60,730. In Arakan the expenditure continues to exceed the receipts, in all the other divisions the receipts the expenditure. In the Tenasserim division the surplus receipts are very large.

18. *Cost of litigation.*—The percentages of costs to values in all Civil Courts for the last six years have been as follows:—

	Original.	Appeal.	Execution.
1883	15·88	17·50	8·40
1884	15·05	20·31	2·58
1885	14·10	19·22	1·97
1886	14·56	15·09	1·90
1887	11·71	14·20	·94
1888	14·86	17·48	1·52

The rise in the percentages last year is probably due to the fact that the average value of the suits instituted was much lower than in the preceding year.

The highest percentages in original cases occurred in the following districts:—

District.	Percentage.	Average value of original suits. Rs.
Tavoy	28·84	40
Kyaukpyu	24·98	84
Sandoway	22·87	86
Mergui	22·16	64

the lowest were in—

Moulmein Judge's Court	11·01	277
Pegu	12·12	104
Akyab	12·20	106

19. *Advocates.*—The number of Advocates enrolled during the year was—

First grade	5
Second grade	...

In May 1888 the Educational Syndicate held an examination for the admission of Advocates. Eleven candidates presented themselves, and of these all failed save two, who passed in the 2nd grade.

20. *Inspection.*—The following districts were visited by Mr. Meres during the year under report:—

Tavoy.	Amherst.
Pegu.	Thayetmyo.
Akyab.	Henzada.
Moulmein.	Shwegyin.
Toungoo.	

All Courts at the headquarters of these districts were inspected and the results of inspections have been communicated to the officers concerned. Good work in inspection has been done by the following officers:—

Mr. Weidemann.	Mr. Burne.
Major Cresswell.	Mr. Irwin.
Mr. Todd-Naylor.	Captain Parrott.

21. Mr. Meres was in charge of the office of the Judicial Commissioner throughout the year.

RANGOON:
The 23rd April 1889.

W. E. WARD,
Judicial Commissioner, Lower Burma.

APPENDICES.

From A. R. BIRKS, Esq., District Judge, Bassein, to the Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner, Lower Burma,—No. 177, dated the 21st February 1889.

I BEG to submit in original the Kangyidaung Myoôk's report on the success of the measures adopted for the protection of the Karens. The Myoôk, a Karen himself, reports that he has had only three cases of execution against Karens, but that two of them were adjusted out of Court and execution effected in one case. He suggests that a Karen Myoôk may be always stationed at Kangyidaung as a large number of Karens are not acquainted with the Burmese language and, unless the Judge himself knows their language, these Karens cannot very well make themselves understood. The Myoôk appears to think that the presence of a Karen Judge at Kangyidaung has hindered the Burmans from oppressing his nation.

There were no executions effected against Karens in the Court of the Thigwin Judge.

From MAUNG SAN DWA, Myoôk of Kangyidaung, to the Deputy Commissioner, Bassein,- No. 42, dated the 22nd January 1889.

IN obedience to your order calling upon me to submit a list of the cases in which Burman creditors applied for execution of decrees against Karen judgment-debtors I beg to submit the following report for your perusal.

(1) During the year 1887 four cases of this kind were instituted in my Court, out of which one was dismissed owing to non-appearance of the plaintiff, one was compromised within the time fixed, one was compromised after the issue of a warrant of attachment to be placed on property belonging to the judgment-debtor, and the last was settled by the judgment-debtor paying the money due after the issue of a warrant of arrest.

(2) During the year 1888 a judgment-creditor agreed and took only Rs. 200 from the judgment-debtor in full satisfaction of the sum of Rs. 348 decreed in his favour. In one case the judgment-creditor attached the property belonging to the judgment-debtor, but the matter had been settled owing to the latter having paid the money due. In one case the judgment-creditor attached the property on account of a sum of Rs. 191-4-0 and sold the same by public auction for Rs. 152, which sum was paid after taking a receipt. The creditor has not yet come and petitioned to this Court in respect of the balance sum up to date. In other cases warrants have issued to the judgment-debtors and consequently they are still pending.

(3) A search has been made for the statements for 1887 in respect of Karens, but without success. However, regard being had to the period, *i.e.*, from 1887 up to date, it is found that year after year Burman creditors who unlawfully act against Karen judgment-debtors have been on the decrease and now they act against the poor Karens lawfully.

I am also a Karen and therefore it is likely that the judgment-creditors act lawfully against Karen judgment-debtors. I have heard that the Karens were unlawfully treated before. I am trying my best to prevent unlawful treatment and any distinction being shown between Burmans and Karens, and to reduce as best I can the illegal acts. Some of the Karens are, however, not only ignorant, but are wicked and have bad habits, and therefore Burman creditors have to lawfully sue them for money due by them.

In Kangyidaung township I myself made enquiries and found that some of the Karens are not acquainted with the Burmese language. I am a Karen and on speaking to them in Karen I discovered what had actually happened.

In conclusion I beg to add that the Karens have derived great benefit owing to a Karen Judge being stationed in the Kangyidaung township.

From A. R. BIRKS, Esq., Deputy Commissioner, Bassein, to the Registrar, Court of the Judicial Commissioner, Lower Burma,—No. 862, dated the 15th May 1889.

AS requested in your telegram of yesterday's date I have the honour to submit a copy of the Thigwin Judge's report on the success of the measures adopted for the protection of the Karens.

From MAUNG THA DUN U, Myoôk of Thigwin, to the Deputy Commissioner, Bassein,—No. 1, dated the 2nd April 1889.

I BEG to submit the following report for the year 1888 regarding the action taken under sections 320 to 325 of the Civil Procedure Code.

I have only been in charge of this township for one year, but looking over the past it is clear that the Karens have derived great benefit from the administration of the British Government. The cases instituted in respect of immoveable property under sections 320 to 325 of the Civil Procedure Code have been sent up to the Deputy Commissioner for disposal, and consequently the Karens should be extremely grateful to Government. The provisions of the abovequoted sections have had deterrent effect on money-lenders and have prevented them from taking exorbitant interest and from proceeding against immoveable property.

Regard being had to the abovementioned sections, the Karens should know that the Government has been kind to, and taken pity on, them. Year after year money-lenders, who take undue advantage and who have the ambition to get possession of the property belonging to others, will decrease and ultimately disappear. During the present year there has not been a single case filed in my Court to which the abovementioned sections apply. There have been only a few cases filed in my Court in respect of certain debts legally due to and by the Karens and other races, and accordingly they have been lawfully disposed of. It may safely be said that the working of the abovementioned sections do not in any way debar the institution of suits. Turning one's attention to the fact of the increase of suits, but the decrease of false cases year after year, it is clear that during the present year there has not been a single case filed in my Court by wealthy persons against ignorant Karens to which the abovementioned sections apply. If such a case be filed, I propose to submit it to the Court of the Deputy Commissioner. I have, however, taken the following steps to prevent the Karens and their heirs from being unlawfully sued. Whenever opportunity affords I explain to the Karens, while on my tour in villages, that the provisions of the sections above referred to have been so wisely framed on their behalf. On the other hand I have explained to the money-lenders that it was wrong for them to unlawfully take money from the poor Karens. The Karens on being questioned by me as to the reason why they had to absolutely give up their immoveable property told me that it was because they were unable to pay the money borrowed by them, which swells by compound interest on compound interest being charged on the same. The creditors never used to sue in Court against the ignorant Karens in respect of the property unlawfully claimed, but threaten the poor Karens and take over the same. The provisions of the said sections have had the desired effect on the money-lenders in respect of this matter. I have also explained to the money-lenders not to take exorbitant interest on money which they may lend, and at the same time showed them the mode of taking interest, and trust that my request will prove fruitful, the Karens also being informed that no document in respect of immoveable property must be executed without an order from Court, and that if they unlawfully make over their immoveable property to their creditors, they must come and report the matter in Court. Regard being had to the above circumstances it is necessary to encourage them to seek education and also to educate their children. As they have no education it is difficult for them to keep accounts. Education has found its way among the Christian Karens and therefore they never lose their immoveable property. I have advised non-educated Karens to seek education and also to educate their children, to establish schools in the villages where they reside, to cast away their belief, which is not true, to go about the country and be enlightened, and gain instruction thereby, to build good houses, and live together in large villages. I hope that they will cast off their prejudices and wrong notions year after year, and come forward to partake of the benefits and advantages derived from civilization.

While on tour I found some Karens who had given all their earnings to their creditors for the whole year without leaving any for themselves. As these did not come and report the matter in Court it is impossible to help them. When I discover such instances I shall submit the matter to you and trust that such will meet with favourable consideration at your hands.

In conclusion the Karens should be very grateful to the British for the said benefits.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No 1 (CIVIL).

Showing the number of Judicial Divisions and the number of officers exercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction in Lower Burma on the last day of the year 1888 with the cost of tribunals.

Name of province			Area.	Population	Number of divisions for Courts under Chief Court, but superior to Chief Courts of districts.	Number of districts.	Number of sub-districts	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS EXERCISING ORIGINAL OR APPELLATE JURISDICTION.					TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES DECIDED.				Total receipts of the Courts.	Total charges of the Courts.	Remarks		
								Judges of Chief Court of province.	Judges of other Courts superior to chief District Courts.	Judges of Chief Courts of districts.	Judges of districts other than Chief Courts	Judges of other Subordinate Courts.	Original.		Appeals.						
													Regular.	Miscellaneous.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.					
1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
			Sq miles														Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Grades of Judicial Officers.	European.	Natives.
LOWER BURMA.	Territory subject to the High Court.	Civil ...	86,905	3,723,272	4	19	33	3	4	16	8	122	24,882	5,150	1,361	64	3,97,202 10 8	5,95,514 11 9	Officers exercising both original and appellate jurisdiction. — Judicial Commissioner	1	...
																			Recorder of Rangoon	1	...
																			Additional Recorder		...
		Criminal ..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Commissioners	4	...
																			Deputy Commissioners	19	...
		Revenue ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Assistant Commissioners with appellate powers.	2	...
	Territory not subject to the High Court.	Civil ...	1,015	14,499	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	38	...	..	...	...	586 7 0	Officers exercising original jurisdiction only. — Small Cause Court Judges	3	5
																			Assistant Commissioners	14	1
		Criminal ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Extra Assistant Commissioners	4	24
		Revenue ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Myooks	7	80
		Total ...	87,920	3,737,771	4	20	33	3	4	19	8	122	24,920	5,150	1,361	64	3,97,202 10 8	5,96,101 2 9	Unpaid Judges		1

JUDICIAL STATEMENT NO. 7 (CIVIL).

Showing the number and description of suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in Lower Burma in the year 1888.

Class of Tribunals.	SUITS FOR MONEY OR MOVEABLE PROPERTY.										SUITS UNDER THE RENT LAW							TITLE AND OTHER SUITS.															
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated	Money had and received	Goods sold	Wages, work, and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above	Rent not falling under the rent law	Moveable property or value thereof	Damages	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancellment of ease	Enhancement or abatement of rent	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipts, or on account of illegal restraint or other cause	For pottas or kabuliyats	For ejectment or recovery of possession	For recovery of money or accounts from agents	All other suits under the rent law not included above	Suits for immoveable property	Suits for declaratory decrees	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c	Suits to declare and establish personal rights	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts, or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping	Suits relating to religion and caste	Administration suits	Intes-plender suits	Dissolution of partnership	Suits under section 261, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act)	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads	Grand total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR																																				
I.—Civil Courts.																																				
Unpaid Tribunals ...	12	59		2	63	98	...	...	29	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	214
Village Courts ...	3,931	4,315	135	726	3,745	1,461	...	429	3,209	2,867	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,014	20	24	63	22	3	...	35	453	150	99	...	3	6	1	2	...	81	23,617
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals ...	262	246	11	27	187	73	...	63	86	104	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	1	...	4	3	...	...	1	31	5	9	...	...	4	1	...	...	4	1,187
Small Cause Courts ...	2,108	613	101	344	1,248	466	...	180	261	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5,528
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts ...	73	5	4	15	12	5	...	1	15	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	2	4	99	13	7	...	1	...	12	1	...	...	27	...	5	1	7	327
Total ...	6,386	5,437	251	1,114	5,255	2,033	..	653	3,593	3,063	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,092	23	28	167	38	10	...	37	517	167	109	...	3	40	1	8	1	97	30,133
II.—Revenue Courts.																																				
Unpaid Local Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Collectors' Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	..	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Courts at the Presidency or Seat of Government.																																				
Presidency Small Cause Courts...	1,818	854	22	211	551	345	..	536	94	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,447
Superior Courts ...	55	...	1	1	9	10	..	2	3	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	4	4	4	1	6	...	2	13	13	1	...	...	5	...	2	...	60	276
Total ...	1,873	854	23	212	560	355	...	540	97	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	4	4	4	1	6	...	2	13	13	1	...	...	5	...	2	...	60	4,723
GRAND TOTAL ...	8,259	6,291	274	1,326	5,815	2,388	...	1,193	3,690	3,111	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,134	27	32	171	39	16	...	39	530	180	110	...	3	49	1	10	1	157	34,856

JUDICIAL STATEMENT NO. 8 (CIVIL).

Showing the number and value of suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in Lower Burma in the year 1888.

Class of Tribunal.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts									Total value of suits.	Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Not exceeding Rs. 1,000.	Not exceeding Rs. 5,000	Not exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.										Rs. A. P.	
I.—Civil Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	67	106	93	14	68	42			4	6,398 7 6	
Village Courts	3,496	10,044	4,802	3,695	99				660	14,99,674 5 8	
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals	226	448	180	150	100	47			34	2,15,746 0 4	
Small Cause Courts	1,132	3,086	720	563	77					3,11,178 10 7	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts											
Chief Courts of Districts	7	19	19	72	60	92	29	18	11	7,49,091 7 8	
Total	4,930	13,703	5,744	4,484	325	181	29	18	709	27,82,088 15 9	
II.—Revenue Courts.											
Unpaid Local Tribunals											
Other Subordinate Courts											
Collectors' Courts											
Total											
Courts at the Presidency or Seat of Government.											
Presidency Small Cause Courts	571	2,013	740	997	136					4,34,098 11 0	
Superior Courts		7	6	40	21	127	12	17	46	15,66,892 1 8	
Total	571	2,020	746	1,027	157	127	12	17	46	20,00,984 12 8	
GRAND TOTAL	5,501	15,723	6,490	5,511	482	308	41	35	755	47,83,073 12 5	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT NO. 9 (CIVIL).

Showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in Lower Burma in the year 1888.

PART I.—Civil Suits.

Class of Tribunal.	Total number of suits before the Courts	NUMBER OF SUITS DISPOSED OF										Pending at the close of the year	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year	AVERAGE DURATION OF CASES.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other provinces.	Without trial.	WITHOUT CONTEST.				ON REFERENCE TO ARBITRATION.		WITH CONTEST.				Contested.	Uncontested	
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For plaintiff	For defendant	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part	Judgment for defendant					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
I.—Civil Courts.																
Unpaid Tribunals	214	...	47	12	75	18	...	...	...	51	11	...	...	5·	9·	
Village Courts	23,331	...	5,045	1,365	3,921	2,686	448	93	11	6,131	2,811	597	17	20·	15·	
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals	1,333	...	217	103	164	165	80	4	...	316	165	48	...	21·	10·	
Small Cause Courts	5,748	...	1,338	278	751	1,439	42	8	...	1,247	469	158	9	17·	12·	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Chief Courts of Districts	375	...	24	10	45	63	2	18	3	111	30	60	17	62·	27·	
Total	30,901	...	7,571	1,768	4,395	4,372	536	82	14	7,856	3,515	861	43	20·	13·	
II.—Revenue Courts.																
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Collectors' Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Courts at the Presidency or Seat of Government.																
Presidency Small Cause Courts	4,883	...	671	299	545	1,617	58	...	...	672	253	286	37	26·	24·	
Superior Courts	332	...	24	10	34	44	2	...	...	96	55	67	26	62·	49·	
Total	5,215	...	695	309	579	1,661	60	...	...	768	408	335	63	41	25·	
GRAND TOTAL	36,116	...	8,266	2,077	4,906	6,233	596	82	14	8,624	3,923	1,196	106	22·	15·	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9 (CIVIL).

Showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in Lower Burma in the year 1888.

PART II.—Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial).

Class of Tribunal.	Total number of cases before the Courts.	NUMBER OF SUITS DISPOSED OF.												Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases contested and uncontested.	Remarks
		Transferred to Courts in other provinces.	Without trial.	WITHOUT CONTEST.				ON REFERENCE TO ARBITRATION.		WITH CONTEST.							
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			13	14	15	16
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
I.—Civil Courts.																	
Unpaid Tribunals	11	...	2	3	1	...	...	...	...	4	1			...	...	4	
Village Courts	2,067	...	621	183	70	146	947	55	14	902	482			87	...	11·	
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals	244	...	58	17	21	19	25	...	1	58	41			4	...	10·	
Small Cause Courts	283	...	46	5	18	62	39	1	1	61	36			1	...	7·	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	
Chief Courts of Districts	642	...	176	12	22	145	35	...	...	136	85			31	5	21·	
Total ...	3,847	...	903	220	132	372	139	56	16	1,241	645			123	5	12·	
II.—Revenue Courts.																	
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	
Collectors' Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	
Courts at the Presidency or Seat of Government.																	
Presidency Small Cause Courts	1,232	...	920	7	1	16	10	...	...	157	91			30	1	17·	
Superior Courts	245	...	37	4	2	63	11	...	...	59	49			21	21	21·	
Total ...	1,477	...	957	11	3	79	21	...	...	216	139			51	22	18·	
GRAND TOTAL ...	5,324	...	1,860	231	135	451	160	56	16	1,457	784			174	27	14·	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT NO. 10 (CIVIL).

Showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts in Lower Burma in the year 1888.

PART I.—Appeals from Decrees.

Class of Tribunal.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex parte.				Contested.								Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Pending.	Of those pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																	
A.—Civil Courts.																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	109	...	...	4	3	...	1	...	47	5	18	...	31	10	51	...	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	1,196*	...	75	18	61	4	4	2	629	79	235	25	74	7	38	2	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province ...	17	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	7	4	3	1	1	...	50	...	
Total ...	1,322	...	76	22	64	4	5	2	683	88	246	26	106	17	34	2	
B.—Revenue Courts.																	
Collectors' Appellate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Courts at the Presidency or Seat of Government.																	
Chief Court of Province — Appeals from original decrees	12	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2	...	99	...	
Chief Court of Province — Appeals from appellate decrees	148†	...	16	7	4	...	2	...	43	8	33	5	30	7	64	...	
Chief Court of Province — Civil revisions	18	...	13	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	24	...	
Total ...	178	...	35	7	6	...	2	...	46	8	35	7	32	7	62	...	
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,500	...	111	29	70	4	7	2	729	96	281	33	138	24	37	2	

* Excludes 1 appeal transferred within the Province but included in Report.

† Transferred and excluded from this statement.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT NO. 10 (CIVIL).

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts in Lower Burma in the year 1888.

PART II.—Miscellaneous Appeals (Judicial).

Class of Tribunal	Total number of appeals before the Courts	Transferred to Courts in other provinces	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	HEARD EX PARTE.				CONTESTED					Of those pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under section 561, Act XIV of 1882	Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified	Reversed.	Remanded	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Pending.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																	
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES																	
A.—Civil Courts.																	
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	38	...	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	34	...	.	2	3	...	4	1	19	.	4	1	...	...	14	...	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province ...	4	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	
Total ...	44	...	1	2	6	...	4	1	23	...	6	1	...		17	...	
B.—Revenue Courts.																	
Collectors' Appellate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Courts at the Presidency or Seat of Government																	
Chief Court of Province { Appeals from original decrees ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Chief Court of Province { Appeals from appellate decrees ...	13	...	5	1	1	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	62	...	
Total ...	13	..	5	1	1	..	...	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	62	...	
GRAND TOTAL ...	57	...	6	3	7	...	4	1	28	...	6	1	1		27	...	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT NO. 11 (CIVIL).

Showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in Lower Burma in the year 1888.

Class of Tribunal.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF: By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous	Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	AMOUNT REALISED: With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS: On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which the judgment-debtor was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property: Was sold.	On which moveable property: Was attached, but subsequently released.	On which immoveable property: Was sold.	On which immoveable property: Was dealt with under section 305, 282, or 320, Act XIV of 1882	On which immoveable property: Was attached, but subsequently released under section 276.	On which possession was given: Of moveables.	On which possession was given: Of immoveables	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in the preceding columns.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.								Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.													
I.—Civil Courts.																						
Unpaid Tribunals	37	...	7	1	26	1	...	205 4 0	...	...	...	5	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	5,413	...	1,905	1,073	2,150	354	5	1,90,686 12 2	6,570 0 6	101	532	585	777	361	62	301	12	36	7	2	104
Paid Subdivisional Tribunals ...	366	...	130	84	106	26	2	28,775 6 4	345 11 0	10	47	46	46	31	3	32	1	4	1	1	6
Small Cause Courts	1,778	...	271	333	1,078	91	..	80,126 1 3	1,361 15 0	43	203	77	88	8	3	3	1	...	...	...	179
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Courts of Districts	239	...	43	71	108	37	5	92,122 6 9	268 14 0	2	12	18	18	25	1	22	...	1	1	1	14
Superior Courts...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	7,830	...	2,377	1,492	3,472	509	12	3,85,296 15 6	8,595 8 8	156	794	673	930	429	68	448	14	40	9	4	303
II.—Revenue Courts.—Nil.																					
Courts at the Presidency or Seat of Government.																					
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	2,684	...	463	669	1,443	69	...	46,368 3 6	2,272 13 0	63	258	96	102	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	633
Superior Courts	273	...	117	70	71	15	...	1,73,296 14 6	24,329 4 6	1	11	6	3	75	...	6	1	9	4	1	66
Total ...	2,957	...	580	739	1,514	104	...	2,19,665 2 0	26,605 1 0	64	269	104	105	75	...	6	1	9	4	1	699
GRAND TOTAL ...	10,807	...	2,957	2,231	4,986	613	12	5,54,982 1 6	33,171 9 9	220	1,063	777	1,035	504	68	456	15	49	13	5	1,004

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 12 (CIVIL).

Showing the number and result of applications and proceedings under Chapter XX, Act XIV of 1882, in Lower Burma in the year 1888.

Class of Tribunal.	APPLICATIONS FOR A DECLARATION OF INSOLVENCY.								Number of insolvents discharged during the year under section 355.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	AMOUNT OF CREDITORS' CLAIMS DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR.		GROSS AMOUNT OF INSOLVENTS' ASSETS REALIZED AND DISBURSED.		Remarks.
	Total number of hearings.	Withdrawn.	Granted.		Rejected.			Pending at the close of the year.			Admitted.	Satisfied.	Realised during the year.	Disbursed during the year.	
			A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under section 359 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
											Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts.	28	7	1	7	12	...	...	1	1	...	.....	605 5 0	.....	144 7 4	
Chief Courts of Districts	118	25	5	52	28	...	3	5	1	...	469 6 0	241 0 0	268 0 0	260 0 0	
Superior Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ...	146	32	6	59	40	...	3	6	2	...	469 6 0	846 5 0	268 0 0	404 7 4	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT NO. 13 (CIVIL AND CRIMINAL).

Showing use of Jurors and Assessors in the Civil and Criminal Courts in Lower Burma in the year 1888.

Classes of Courts in which jurors or assessors are employed, distinguishing Criminal from Civil Courts.		Established or average number of jurymen or assessors in each case, and prescribed qualifications.	Number of cases tried by jury.	Number of cases tried with assessors	Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict	JURY TRIALS: Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict — Wholly.	JURY TRIALS: Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict — Partially.	JURY TRIALS: Number of persons in respect to whom the Judge disapproved — Whose cases he referred under section 307, C. P. Code	JURY TRIALS: Number of persons in respect to whom the Judge disapproved — Whose cases he did not refer under section 307, C. P. Code	ASSESSORS' TRIALS: Number of cases in which Judge agreed with assessors	ASSESSORS' TRIALS: Number of cases in which Judge differed from — One assessor	ASSESSORS' TRIALS: Number of cases in which Judge differed from — Both assessors	Remarks.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
I.—Civil Courts.													
Chief Courts of Districts (or officer specially empowered) acting under Act X of 1870.	Assessors	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
II.—Criminal Courts.													
Magistrates' Courts under Chapter X, C. P. Code	Jurors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Courts of Session	Jurors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Assessors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
High Court Original Criminal Jurisdiction	Jurors	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...		
	Total	2		1	...		...	.	.		1	...	

Statement showing the total value in litigation and costs for all classes of Civil cases, including executions of decrees and other miscellaneous applications, disposed of in the different classes of Courts in Lower Burma during the year 1888.

Name of District or Court.	ORIGINAL.									APPEAL.		
			Costs of cases.									Costs of cases.
	Total number of cases.	Total value of cases.	Total amount of court-fees, including process-fees.	Total amount of process-fees.	Total amount of diet-money paid to witnesses.	Total amount of solicitors' fees.	Total amount of fees for commissions and other miscellaneous charges.	Total.	Percentage of total costs to total value.	Total number of cases.	Total value of cases.	Total amount of court-fees, including process fees.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Akyab	2,148	2,27,495 5 11	16,651 9 3	3,469 4 0	1,592 0 0	9,410 15 7	222 11 0	27,377 3 10	12·26	70	11,530 0 11	1,166 14 0
Kyaukpyu	722	24,482 1 2	3,416 5 0	1,205 8 0	1,185 8 0	1,501 14 4	.....	6,103 11 4	24·93	55	4,264 10 1	352 8 0
Sandoway	303	13,192 4 11	1,587 1 0	617 8 0	737 0 0	546 14 3	80 0 0	2,950 15 3	22·37	23	1,631 10 0	206 4 0
Arakan Hill Tracts	38	2,308 10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....
Commissioner of Arakan	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	7	17,896 0 0	695 6 0
Total ...	3,271	2,67,473 6 6	21,654 15 3	5,292 4 0	3,514 8 0	11,459 12 2	302 11 0	36,931 14 5	13·82	155	35,372 5 0	2,421 0 0
Hanthawaddy	1,005	97,668 4 5	9,056 3 3	1,541 0 0	1,087 6 9	2,897 1 9	.....	12,990 11 9	14·81	58	14,398 12 0	1,139 4 0
Pegu	1,903	1,97,388 7 0	17,398 6 0	3,211 6 0	2,147 2 0	4,378 6 10	108 0 0	23,902 0 10	12·12	71	12,801 12 9	1,334 10 0
Tharrawaddy	2,457	1,28,970 7 8	16,051 5 9	3,968 10 0	2,151 5 6	7,094 4 3	84 8 0	25,351 6 9	19·68	69	6,746 15 0	1,110 6 0
Prome	2,400	1,56,853 14 6	15,846 12 0	4,858 0 0	3,138 8 0	3,837 12 0	1,087 13 0	23,904 13 0	15·24	93	8,105 2 4	1,077 10 0
Commissioner of Pegu	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	5	1,870 0 0	191 12 0
Total ...	7,825	5,70,781 1 7	58,352 10 3	12,999 0 0	8,468 6 3	18,207 10 10	1,280 5 0	86,179 0 4	15·09	296	43,912 10 1	4,843 10 0
Thôngwa	3,731	2,57,739 14 9	25,226 12 0	6,606 4 0	4,221 0 0	8,241 7 11	1,153 2 0	36,842 5 11	15·07	87	14,913 4 6	1,298 14 0
Bassein	3,663	3,48,317 1 7	26,651 8 0	5,725 0 0	5,226 8 0	13,718 11 11	925 15 0	44,594 10 11	17·26	169	23,699 9 6	2,199 2 0
Henzada	2,230	1,22,370 3 9	11,659 4 0	3,127 12 0	3,213 12 0	6,452 15 9	577 5 0	25,873 4 9	17·71	115	14,299 2 1	1,274 10 0
Thayetmyo	1,146	66,927 2 11	7,051 0 0	1,003 6 0	1,472 15 6	2,062 3 8	382 1 5	10,996 4 7	16·43	67	6,413 10 3	574 12 0
Commissioner of Irrawaddy	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	3	7,025 0 0	452 12 0
Total ...	10,960	6,95,354 7 0	70,618 8 0	17,262 6 0	13,686 3 6	30,445 7 3	2,208 7 5	1,16,108 10 2	16·70	451	66,250 10 6	5,900 2 0
Amherst	1,678	1,45,063 5 3	13,431 2 0	3,033 7 0	1,967 0 0	3,648 15 0	5 0 0	19,052 1 0	13·13	86	15,697 2 3	745 4 0
Shwegyin	1,598	1,06,154 7 6	8,870 15 0	2,715 8 0	2,892 12 0	4,287 12 0	.....	16,051 7 0	15·26	67	6,850 8 0	576 0 0
Toungoo	1,216	1,16,331 0 9	10,455 6 0	1,678 4 0	1,290 2 5	5,171 14 7	405 0 0	17,323 9 0	14·89	64	13,695 4 7	1,407 2 0
Tavoy	438	17,470 12 0	2,098 1 0	960 0 0	1,052 0 0	848 10 0	341 10 0	4,950 5 0	28·34	52	7,051 10 7	695 8 0
Mergui	536	34,511 0 8	3,827 8 4	1,209 0 0	950 2 0	2,768 9 2	61 8 0	7,847 11 6	22·16	50	3,402 15 6	393 6 0
Salween	64	8,062 14 8	892 4 0	177 0 0	236 12 0	.....	16 4 0	1,145 4 0	14·17	4	130 0 0	45 6 0
Judge of Moulmein	2,454	6,80,849 12 0	44,662 15 0	4,145 0 0	2,160 0 0	29,930 7 0	2,289 1 0	79,042 7 0	11·61	...	.....	.....
Commissioner of Tenasserim	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	5	2,280 6 4	183 10 0
Total ...	7,984	11,07,463 4 10	84,838 5 4	14,212 3 0	10,598 12 5	46,656 3 9	3,119 7 0	1,45,212 12 6	13·11	348	49,047 15 3	4,511 4 0
Judicial Commissioner	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	155	1,08,190 10 5	4,542 2 0
Total ...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	155	1,08,190 10 5	4,542 2 0
GRAND TOTAL ...	30,040	26,41,073 3 5	2,35,384 6 10	49,765 13 0	35,417 14 2	1,06,769 2 0	6,210 14 5	3,84,432 5 5	14·56	1,415	3,04,774 3 3	22,218 2 0
Rangoon Small Cause Courts	4,615	4,55,634 15 9	44,067 11 0	7,181 2 0	3,850 12 0	8,719 13 0	38 12 0	58,697 0 0	12·44	.....	.....	.....
Recorder's Courts	265	6,10,970 12 0	32,323 10 0	2,147 0 0	2,174 3 0	27,468 5 0	1,094 15 0	63,078 1 0	10·32	.....	.....	.....
Special Courts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	40,043 13 9	2,497 12 0
Total ...	4,880	10,66,605 11 0	76,411 5 0	9,328 2 0	6,024 15 0	36,208 2 0	1,130 11 0	1,19,775 1 0	11·23	10	40,043 13 9	2,497 12
GRAND TOTAL ...	34,920	37,07,677 14 5	3,11,745 11 10	59,093 15 0	41,442 13 2	1,42,977 4 0	8,041 9 5	5,04,207 6 5	13·60	1,425	3,44,818 1 0	24,715 14 0

Statement showing the total value in litigation and costs for all classes of Civil cases, including executions of decrees and other miscellaneous applications, disposed of in the different classes of Courts in Lower Burma, during the year 1888—continued.

Name of District or Court.	APPEAL—concluded. Costs of cases—concluded. Total amount of process fees.	Total amount of diet-money paid to witnesses.	Total amount of advocates' fees.	Total amount of fees for commissions and other miscellaneous charges.	Total.	Percentage of total costs to total value.	EXECUTION OF DECREES. Total number of cases.	Total value of cases.	Costs of cases. Total amount of court-fees, including process-fees.	Total amount of process-fees.	Total amount of diet-money paid to witnesses.	Total amount of advocates' fees.
1	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Akyab	154 0 0	.....	1,636 1 11	239 0 0	2,054 15 11	26·30	753	1,32,182 10 11	2,030 5 0	1,496 4 0	14 0 0	.....
Kyaukpyu	112 0 0	5 0 0	425 0 0	.....	782 8 0	19·35	170	6,380 4 7	398 0 0	298 8 0	.....	102 8 0
Sandoway	38 0 0	.....	213 11 2	107 10 9	527 9 11	31·38	53	4,023 5 11	239 12 0	239 12 0	.....	.....
Arakan Hill Tracts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		4	245 15 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commissioner of Arakan	18 0 0	.....	1,064 3 4	.....	1,779 9 4	9·04	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	322 0 0	5 0 0	3,379 0 5	339 10 9	6,144 11 2	17·37	980	2,45,469 4 5	2,718 1 0	2,014 8 0	14 0 0	102 8 0
Hanthawaddy	146 0 0	.....	1,551 8 0	140 11 0	2,870 7 0	19·25	231	46,290 5 1	616 13 0	400 0 0	.....	137 13 4
Pegu	136 2 0	.....	883 11 0	73 11 2	2,293 0 2	17·90	476	1,01,201 12 7	1,410 0 0	1,003 8 0	37 8 0	.....
Tharrawaddy	72 6 0	.....	235 2 0	.....	1,045 8 0	32·24	373	36,918 11 1	786 6 0	553 8 0	.....	5 0 0
Prome	224 0 0	.....	1,160 0 0	195 6 0	2,453 2 0	30·05	347	57,236 11 5	795 12 0	543 0 0	.....	.....
Commissioner of Pegu	9 0 0	.....	130 0 0	10 8 0	341 4 0	18·23	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	621 2 0	.....	4,389 5 0	469 6 2	9,903 5 2	21·67	1,427	2,43,647 8 2	3,608 15 0	2,560 0 0	37 8 0	142 13 4
Thôngwa	178 0 0	.....	661 0 8	340 13 0	2,200 10 8	15·43	773	71,093 13 9	1,534 0 0	1,001 8 0	33 4 0	33 8 0
Bassein	447 0 0	.....	4,160 10 9	229 12 0	6,609 8 9	29·10	727	1,35,154 12 6	1,814 13 0	1,163 0 0	.....	16 0 0
Henzada	330 0 0	.....	2,212 13 2	671 15 11	4,959 7 1	29·78	328	24,794 1 8	755 14 0	422 0 0	1 0 0	55 0 0
Thayetmyo	173 0 0	.....	471 6 4	105 0 0	1,312 2 4	18·90	173	21,911 0 8	442 4 0	273 0 0	4 0 0	17 8 0
Commissioner of Irrawaddy	13 0 0	.....	561 4 0	9 0 0	1,093 0 0	14·56	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	1,131 0 0	.....	8,087 2 4	1,417 7 11	15,404 12 3	23·25	2,051	2,52,956 12 7	4,547 1 0	2,749 8 0	38 4 0	118 0 0
Amherst	112 0 0	.....	947 0 0	121 8 0	1,813 12 0	11·55	530	64,914 2 11	1,359 8 0	838 0 0	.....	33 0 0
Shwegyin	236 0 0	.....	438 8 0	.....	1,178 8 0	19·10	424	33,256 1 0	664 0 0	410 8 0	13 0 0	.....
Toungoo	214 0 0	.....	1,006 6 7	.....	2,413 8 7	17·71	399	1,00,798 1 3	1,504 14 4	641 0 0	.....	.....
Tavoy	148 0 0	.....	409 2 5	15 0 0	1,980 10 5	18·14	60	9,283 9 3	231 8 0	145 8 0	12 8 0	37 14 4
Mergui	139 8 0	.....	497 0 0	.....	630 6 0	29·16	161	7,199 15 10	295 8 0	295 8 0	.....	.....
Salween	8 10 0	.....	.....	.....	40 6 0	30·77	10	1,063 9 0	17 0 0	11 0 0	.....	.....
Judge of Moulmein	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		1,250	4,90,396 8 0	3,046 6 0	1,895 0 0	.....	.....
Commissioner of Tenasserim	33 0 0	106 0 0	238 0 0	6 0 0	383 10 0	22·96	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	891 2 0	106 0 0	3,511 1 0	142 8 0	8,370 12 0	18·86	2,883	7,06,868 15 3	7,208 2 4	4,318 0 0	25 8 0	68 14 4
Judicial Commissioner	474 0 0	.....	7,836 9 0	1,175 7 10	13,554 2 10	12·53	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	474 0 0	.....	7,836 9 0	1,175 7 10	13,554 2 10	12·53	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GRAND TOTAL	3,439 4 0	111 0 0	27,403 1 9	3,544 8 8	53,376 12 5	17·48	7,341	13,49,297 8 5	18,082 3 4	11,482 0 0	115 4 0	425 3 8
Rangoon Small Causes Courts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		2,595	4,24,513 13 5	3,645 7 9	2,723 0 0	.....	.....
Recorder's Courts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		258	2,87,364 3 10	787 3 0	545 0 0	.....	.....
Special Court	77 0 0	.....	2,951 1 0	78 2 0	4,835 15 0	12·05	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	77 0 0	.....	2,951 1 0	78 2 0	4,835 15 0	12·05	853	7,11,878 1 3	4,432 10 0	3,268 0 0	.....	.....
GRAND TOTAL	23,516 4 0	111 0 0	29,654 2 9	3,622 10 8	58,103 11 5	16·85	10,194	20,60,135 9 11	22,514 13 4	14,820 0 0	115 4 0	425 3 8

Statement showing the total value in litigation and costs for all classes of Civil cases, including executions of decrees and other miscellaneous applications, disposed of in the different classes of Courts in Lower Burma during the year 1888—concluded.

Name of District or Court.	Execution of Decrees—concluded.			Miscellaneous.								
	Costs of cases—concluded.		Percentage of total costs to total value	Total number of cases.	Total value of cases.	Cost of cases.						Percentage of total costs to total value.
	Total amount of fees for commissions and other miscellaneous charges	Total.				Total amount of court-fees, including process-fees	Total amount of process-fees.	Total amount of diet-money paid to witnesses.	Total amount of advocates' fees.	Total amount of fees for commissions and other miscellaneous charges.	Total.	
1	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Akyab	90 9 0	2,134 14 0	1·62	966	97,091 2 6	634 0 0	504 0 0	113 4 0	299 0 0	33 5 0	1,239 9 0	1·28
Kyaukpyu	18 6 0	508 14 0	6·07	65	5,904 9 5	103 5 0	64 0 0	71 8 0	10 0 0	... ..	184 13 0	3·13
Sandoway	.....	299 12 0	6·39	23	3,473 11 6	47 13 0	35 0 0	16 8 0	35 0 0	3 8 0	102 13 0	2·96
Arakan Hill Tracts	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Commissioner of Arakan	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Total	108 15 0	2,943 8 0	2·02	353	1,06,468 7 5	985 2 0	603 0 0	201 4 0	344 0 0	26 13 0	1,527 3 0	1·43
Hanthawaddy	.....	754 10 4	1·43	156	31,198 7 10	397 2 0	251 8 0	158 12 0	569 6 4	.....	1,095 4 4	3·51
Pegu	135 0 0	1,583 8 0	1·56	240	63,463 0 6	675 12 0	320 8 0	245 4 0	261 0 0	29 0 0	1,231 1 0	1·94
Tharrawaddy	57 6 0	848 12 0	2·18	257	22,113 7 0	645 13 0	319 0 0	177 4 0	422 8 0	8 0 0	1,333 5 0	6·07
Prome	167 10 0	963 6 0	1·68	353	34,857 15 4	551 10 0	323 0 0	136 8 0	148 0 0	40 12 0	876 14 0	2·51
Commissioner of Pegu	.....	.....	...	1	406 9 8	2 0 0	...	.....	32 0 0	.....	34 0 0	8·36
Total	360 0 0	4,149 4 4	1·70	1,007	1,52,049 8 4	2,142 6 0	1,214 0 0	715 8 0	1,555 14 4	76 12 0	4,490 8 4	2·06
Thôngwa	102 6 0	1,700 2 0	2·39	368	59,590 4 9	908 9 0	611 0 0	423 0 0	710 0 0	92 6 0	2,132 15 0	3·58
Bassein	240 6 0	2,070 5 0	1·53	566	94,510 6 8	1,151 1 0	688 0 0	324 12 0	1,049 0 0	53 12 0	2,577 9 0	2·73
Henzada	31 8 0	643 6 0	3·49	213	22,613 7 8	375 4 0	211 8 0	56 8 0	632 8 0	41 8 0	1,105 12 0	4·89
Thayetmyo	71 5 0	536 1 0	2·44	166	26,672 5 10	360 12 0	187 0 0	177 4 0	237 8 0	44 12 0	830 4 0	3·07
Commissioner of Irrawaddy	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Total	445 9 0	5,148 14 0	2·04	1,313	2,03,386 8 11	2,795 10 0	1,697 8 0	980 8 0	2,629 0 0	231 6 0	6,636 8 0	3·26
Amherst	.....	1,294 8 0	2·15	268	53,093 2 4	693 11 0	403 8 0	256 0 0	263 0 0	3 0 0	1,214 11 0	2·29
Shwegyin	577 0 0	2·03	178	18,204 6 0	242 0 0	124 8 0	243 0 0	290 0 0	.....	775 0 0	4·24
Toungoo	139 0 0	1,642 14 4	1·69	198	35,446 7 9	545 4 0	335 0 0	155 0 0	460 0 0	45 1 0	1,935 5 0	5·46
Tavoy	27 2 0	298 14 4	3·20	24	24,176 8 1	156 10 4	67 8 0	53 14 0	20 0 0	3 9 0	326 1 4	·98
Mergui	.....	365 0 0	5·35	56	6,162 4 0	288 15 0	134 0 0	98 0 0	140 0 0	.....	456 15 0	5·30
Salween	.....	17 0 0	1·55	8	1,153 5 4	12 0 0	9 0 0	.....	.....	.....	42 0 0	1·74
Judge of Moulmein	841 0 0	3,887 6 0	·79	315	2,02,989 13 0	3,439 6 0	690 0 0	297 8 0	1,350 0 0	452 0 0	5,528 14 8	2·72
Commissioner of Tenasserim	.....	.....	...	4	2,413 5 0	15 9 0	.....	...	.....	2 0 0	17 9 0	·73
Total	1,008 2 0	8,302 10 8	1·17	1,051	3,45,709 3 6	5,394 7 4	1,664 8 0	1,083 6 0	2,543 0 0	505 10 0	9,466 7 4	2·74
Judicial Commissioner	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...
Total	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Grand Total	1,920 10 0	20,544 5 0	1·52	3,724	8,07,613 13 2	11,317 9 4	5,179 0 0	2,920 10 0	7,041 14 4	840 9 0	22,120 10 8	2·74
Rangoon Small Cause Courts	.....	3,645 7 0	·86	1,902	67,737 13 11	1,046 11 0	540 7 0	435 0 0	1,018 2 0	... ..	2,499 13 0	3·69
Recorder's Courts	.....	797 3 0	·27	224	7,99,017 2 2	12,479 2 0	535 0 0	...	966 0 0	17 0 0	13,482 2 0	1·69
Special Court	.....	.....	...	...	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Total	.....	4,432 10 0	·62	1,426	8,65,744 15 1	13,525 13 0	1,075 7 0	435 0 0	2,004 2 0	17 0 0	15,981 15 0	1·85
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